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PRESIDENCY FLASH NOTE

10th & 11th WP ON COMPETITIVENESS AND GROWTH – INDUSTRY

Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 April 2026, 10:00

Dear Colleagues,

As we transition back to work after our unforgettable attaché trip to Paphos, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your participation and for making the trip so special. Your energy and good spirits truly made the experience remarkable, and we are grateful for the great company, the laughs, and the shared moments.

Now, with a tan and fully recharged batteries from the Vitamin D, we are ready to dive back into the IAA-file and continue progressing on the WP; refreshed and energized for the journey ahead.

Proposal for a Regulation on establishing a framework of measures for accelerating industrial capacity and decarbonisation in strategic sectors (Industrial Accelerator Act)

Monday 27

During the Monday session, the Commission will provide a detailed presentation on Chapter III of the IAA proposal on strengthening the Union's strategic value chains, with a particular focus on Articles 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 16. These provisions establish the general framework for applying Union origin and low-carbon requirements in public procurement procedures and other forms of public intervention.

Tuesday 28

On Tuesday morning, the Commission will provide a detailed presentation on Annex II of the proposal. Annex II outlines the sector-specific scope and requirements for products from energy-intensive industries, namely steel, cement, and aluminium.

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In the Tuesday afternoon session, the Commission will present the provisions related to the automotive sector (Articles 13, 14, and 15), including their interaction with the Automotive Package adopted in December. It will also present Annex III of the proposal, which outlines the Union origin requirements for motor vehicles within its scope.

We look forward to engaging in insightful and productive discussions.

With warm regards,

CY Presidency Industry WP Team

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