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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Antici Group (Simplification)
Subject:	Omnibus X (Food and feed safety): Explanatory note by the Presidency - AGS meeting on 13 May 2026

In view of the AGS meeting on 13 May 2026, delegations will find enclosed an Presidency explanatory note on the compromise text regarding the Biocides Regulation (EU) 528/2012 (ST 9005/26).

Antici Group on Simplification (AGS)

AGS – 13 May 2026

Omnibus X: Food and Feed Safety, Cluster B, Biocides Regulation (EU) 528/2012 –

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The purpose of this explanatory note is to provide delegations with additional information, clarifications and reasoning for the amendments proposed by the Presidency.
The explanatory note follows the order of the relevant provisions.
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Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 1829/2003, (EC) No 1831/2003, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1099/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 528/2012, (EU) 2017/625 as regards the simplification and strengthening of food and feed safety requirements

In relation to the **Biocidal Products Regulation**, the Presidency carefully examined the comments received from delegations both at and after the AGS meeting on 25 March (WK 5103/2026).

Regarding the selection criteria for active substances subject to the renewal procedure, the Presidency acknowledges the specific concerns raised by delegations regarding substances with endocrine-disrupting properties. These properties should play an important role in the selection of substances subject to renewal. However, to avoid jeopardising the timely completion of the review programme, as well as the simplification objectives of Omnibus X, it is not warranted to automatically include them in the renewal procedure.

To emphasize the similarity to the work programme foreseen for the full renewal and targeted reassessment of plant protection products (PPPs) in Regulation 1107/2009, the Presidency suggests using the same terminology in the Biocidal Products Regulation. A calendar of work for the renewal of biocides would be part of such a work programme.

The Presidency proposes amending Recital 34 accordingly.