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To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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- steering questions

1. After productive discussions at Ministerial level on several thematic aspects of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027 package, in line with approach outlined by the Presidency on 19 February 2019, the Presidency would like to invite Ministers, at their meeting of 21 May 2019, to have a debate on the external dimension of the Union's budget. This will feed into preparations for the revised draft Negotiating Box that the Presidency is undertaking.
2. To that end, the Presidency has prepared the following two questions:
 - a) How do you assess the overall balance between flexibility and predictability, in the light of the proposal to include the European Development Fund (EDF), in the framework of the proposed Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)?
 - b) Do you consider sufficient the proposal for the ring-fencing of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) allocation, as it is currently, also having in mind the possibility of transfers to other geographical or thematic pillars?