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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	EU's participation as Member of the Strategic Steering Committee (SSC) of the Global Forum for Cyber Expertise (GFCE) - Approval

1. The Global Forum on Cyber Expertise (GFCE) is a multi-stakeholder community of governments, international organisations, companies, and academics from all regions of the world. The EU was a founding member of the GFCE in 2015. The GFCE has decided to reorganise itself and establish a multi-stakeholder Strategic Steering Committee (SSC). The GFCE has invited the EU to take one of its 12 seats. The EEAS and Commission would represent the EU at SSC meetings, on a 2-year alternate rotation basis, starting with EEAS in the seat.
2. On 3 October 2024, the Horizontal Working Party on Cyber Issues examined the EEAS note (doc 14004/24) and agreed to support the EU seeking to become a member of the Strategic Steering Committee of the GFCE.

3. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend that the Council authorises the EEAS to become, on behalf of the EU and together with the Commission on a rotation basis, a member of the Strategic Steering Committee of the Global Forum for Cyber Expertise (GFCE).
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