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From:	Presidency
To:	Delegations
Subject:	AOB item for the meeting of the General Affairs Council on 19 November 2026 Omnibus simplification packages: state of play - Information from the Presidency

The General Affairs Council plays a central role in overseeing progress on the omnibus packages in Council. The Presidency will provide an update on the state of play of progress and the outlook for the period ahead.

Simplifying EU rules and regulations is a key element of ensuring the Union's long-term competitiveness. In line with the guidance from the European Council, it is essential that the EU institutions collectively keep up the momentum with the simplification agenda, to deliver clear and meaningful results for citizens and businesses, in particular SMEs, while maintaining established policy goals.

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In its work programme for 2027, the Commission has again highlighted the imperative of continued momentum in strengthening competitiveness and simplifying legislation, while putting particular emphasis on the need to deliver concrete results and ensure the effective implementation and enforcement of agreed policies. This also follows recent calls, including by ministers at meetings of the General Affairs Council, stressing in particular the importance of high-quality, enforceable and predictable European legislation, designed on the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and supported by robust impact assessments.

The Presidency continues to work intensively to advance work on the omnibus packages, in line with the ambitious targets set out in the *One Europe, One Market Roadmap*. Significant progress is being made in the Council, with mandates for negotiation reached on three of the four packages that are singled out in the Roadmap as a priority for agreement by the end of this year. This includes mandates on the Digital Omnibus, the Environment Omnibus and the Food and Feed Safety Omnibus. Furthermore, the Council position on the Energy products Omnibus was agreed at the beginning of November.

Given the urgency regarding certain parts of the Environment Omnibus, the co-legislators agreed to immediately launch interinstitutional negotiations on those parts where both institutions are ready to engage, with the aim to possibly conclude as quickly as possible. These negotiations are ongoing and the Presidency will continue to do its utmost to advance these negotiations with the European Parliament. The European Parliament has yet to adopt its position on other elements of the Environment Omnibus or on other outstanding elements of the three other Omnibus packages singled out as a priority for agreement by the end of the year.

The Presidency is also striving to further facilitate agreement in the coming period within the Council on the Automotive Omnibus, notably with a view to allowing the Council to engage in interinstitutional negotiations as soon as the European Parliament is ready. Success will require all Member States and each institution to work purposefully together in a spirit of cooperation and compromise.

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