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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	DEBATES taken by the Presidency on behalf of the Council at the European Parliament plenary part-session in Brussels from 21 to 22 May 2025

Coreper is invited to take note of the following debates taken by the Presidency on behalf of the Council.

Wednesday 21 May

1. Council and Commission statements - *The EU's response to the Israeli government's plan to seize the Gaza Strip, ensuring effective humanitarian support and the liberation of hostages*
2. Council and Commission statements - *The Hungarian government's drift to Russia-style repression: legislative threats to freedom of expression and democratic participation*
3. Council and Commission statements - *Russian energy phase-out, Nord Stream and the EU's energy sovereignty*