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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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 Strasbourg from 6 to 9 July 2026

The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to take note of the following debates taken by the Presidency (Irish Minister of State for European Affairs, Thomas Byrne) on behalf of the Council:

Wednesday 8 July 2026

1. Council and Commission statements - *EU's response and preparedness to protect people against recurring heatwaves and upcoming wildfires*

The Presidency affirmed that human-induced climate change is a major underlying cause of heatwaves, wildfires and other extreme weather events, highlighted the EU's ongoing efforts to mitigate its impacts, including through the forthcoming EU Framework for Climate Resilience and recalled the Council recommendation of 29 June on integrated wildfire risk management.

2. Topical debate requested by a political group (S&D) (Rule 169) – *The EU's role in the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip and the accountability of Israel under international law*

The Presidency stressed that it would do its utmost to support efforts on all EU work strands concerning the Middle East. It expressed grave concerns over the persistent and devastating humanitarian crisis in Gaza, calling on Israel to allow immediate, unimpeded access and sustained distribution of humanitarian assistance at scale into and throughout Gaza.

It also highlighted the crucial role of international and regional stakeholders in providing support for the reconstruction and development of Gaza in line with international law and the role of the European Union in engaging with all partners to contribute to recovery and reconstruction efforts, including support to the Palestinian Authority.

3. Council and Commission statements - *Defending European democracy and the integrity of the European Parliament in light of revelations that an MEP was subject to surveillance by illegal spyware*

The Presidency highlighted the importance of cybersecurity in today's world as it is essential in protecting the Union's economy and critical infrastructure. In this context, it called for full attention to cyberattacks aimed at undermining activities and data privacy. The Presidency also called for more information sharing and capacity building and informed that in the next semester, particular attention will be given to protecting citizens online, notably children, and the safety of political candidates and elected representatives.
