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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. We need to retain a strategic and targeted approach to ensure simplification can deliver on its core objective to reduce the administrative burden for businesses, in particular SMEs, and support the EU's long-term competitiveness while maintaining established policy goals.

The Presidency is working intensively to advance work on the omnibus packages, in line with the ambitious targets set out in the *One Europe, One Market Roadmap*. We are doing our utmost to facilitate agreement. Success will require all Member States and each institution to work purposefully together in a spirit of cooperation and compromise.
