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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Foreign Affairs)
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Non-legislative activities

3. Current affairs

None.

4. Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine^{1*}

Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. It subsequently held an exchange of views on the EU's response to the Russian aggression against Ukraine.

5. Situation in the Middle East

Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on the situation in the Middle East, including Israel and Gaza.

6. Sudan

Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on Sudan.

7. Sahel

Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on the Sahel.

8. Any other business

a) Regional Forum of the Union for the Mediterranean 2025

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Information from Spain

The Council took note of the information provided by Spain on the Regional Forum of the Union for the Mediterranean on 28 November.

¹ In the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

* Electronic devices were kept outside.

b) Belarusian hybrid attacks against Lithuania

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Information from Lithuania

The Council took note of the information provided by Lithuania on Belarusian hybrid attacks.

c) Chips and export controls

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Information from the Netherlands

The Council took note of the information provided by the Netherlands on chips and export controls.

d) Creation of a sanctions regime against organised crime

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Information from France

The Council took note of the information provided by France on a **proposed** new EU sanctions regime targeting organised crime.
