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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

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Subject: Draft reply to the letter of the President of the European Parliament regarding the dates for 2024 elections to the European Parliament
- Approval of a letter

1. On 28 February 2023, the President of the European Parliament submitted to the President of the Council a letter¹ relaying the Conference of Presidents' request that the 2024 European Parliament Elections be held on week 20, from 23 – 26 May.
2. Upon request of a number of Member States, the Working Party on General Affairs undertook an examination of the possible options of dates for holding the 2024 European Parliament elections, including the week indicated by the Parliament's Conference of Presidents.
3. Following this examination, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council take note, in a statement, that the elections will take place on the dates normally applicable, i.e. from 6 – 9 June 2024².
4. Following the approval of the statement, the Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited, pursuant to Article 19(7)(k) of the Council's Rules of Procedure:

¹ 7011/23

² 8239/23

- to approve the wording of the letter to the President of the European Parliament, as set out in Annex to this Note,
- and to authorise the Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee to send it on behalf of the Council on the date of publication of the statement.

DRAFT

From: Minister for EU Affairs Jessika Roswall, Presidency of the Council of the European Union

To: President of the European Parliament

Brussels,

Dear President,

Thank you for your letter of 28 February and for the Conference of Presidents' suggestion to move the 2024 European election dates to the 23 – 26 May.

I am writing to inform you that after considering several alternative dates (including the dates suggested by the Conference of Presidents), the Council took note today that the next elections to the European Parliament would be held from **Thursday 6 to Sunday 9 June 2024**.

As you know, the EU Electoral Act establishes that changing the dates requires a unanimous decision of the Council, after consultation of the European Parliament. Since none of the alternative dates gathered the support required, it is the dates established in the EU Electoral Law that will apply.

I am conscious of how important this decision is for the European Parliament's internal planning and look forward to continuing the good cooperation between Parliament and Council as we approach the end of the current legislative cycle and prepare the next legislature.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]