Question for written answer E-002861/2024/rev.1
to the President of the European Council
Rule 144
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Subject: Priorities of the European Council

In a letter seen by Politico, the President of the European Council outlined the European Council's political priorities[1]. The letter supposedly lists defence, competitiveness, migration and enlargement as priorities, but apparently makes no mention of climate action or nature protection, even though these are key aspects of the political guidelines for the second von der Leyen Commission[2] and of the coalition agreement in Parliament[3].

1. In the spirit of transparency and accountability, is the President of the European Council willing to publish the letter?

2. Does the President of the European Council – as Politico's reporting suggests – disagree fundamentally with the Commission and the majority in Parliament as regards the urgency of combating the twin climate and nature crises? Or is this omission a genuine mistake, and will the President of the European Council provide ambitious leadership in this regard alongside his colleagues in the other EU institutions?

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[1] https://www.politico.eu/newsletter/brussels-playbook/another-bad-day-for-macron/.
[2] https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf.
[3] https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/11/20/european-parliaments-centrist-groups-cut-deal-to-approve-new-commissioners.