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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Ensuring the timely establishment and funding of the EU Cyber Defence and Coordination Centre

The Cyber and Information Domain Coordination Centre (CIDCC), a permanent structured cooperation project, has been providing essential cyber situational awareness, threat analysis, and operational support for EU missions since 2023. In May 2023, the European Council reaffirmed its commitment to integrate the CIDCC into the EU Cyber Defence and Coordination Centre (EU CDCC) in 2025, a critical capability for European defence and strategic autonomy.

The European External Action Service (EEAS) has indicated that in 2026, no financial resources will be allocated for the establishment of the EU CDCC, raising serious concerns about the EU's ability to maintain cyber and information resilience.

In this context, the HR/VP is asked to clarify:

1. Why has the EEAS not allocated adequate funding for the EU CDCC in 2026, despite the EEAS's acknowledgement of the strategic importance of the CDCC for EU missions and defence readiness?
2. How does the EEAS plan to safeguard the continuity of cyber situational awareness and operational support during the transition from the CIDCC prototype to the EU CDCC?
3. What concrete measures will the EEAS take to guarantee that the EU CDCC is established on time and is fully operational, ensuring Europe's independence and resilience in the cyber domain?

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