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The Honourable Member is informed that the European Council established the EU's priorities and strategic orientations for the institutional cycle 2024-2029 in the Strategic Agenda it adopted on 27 June 2024. The Strategic Agenda states that the European Union should pursue a just and fair climate transition and will continue to protect nature and reverse the degradation of ecosystems, including oceans.

The European Council invited the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission to put the priorities defined therein into action during the next institutional cycle, respecting the institutional balance of powers as set out in the Treaties and the principles of conferral, subsidiarity and proportionality.

The European Council will follow the implementation of all aspects of the Strategic Agenda closely and will define further general political directions and priorities as necessary.

The letter to leaders, which has been made public at the Honourable Member's request, was written in the light of the conversations António Costa had during his *tour de capitales* ahead of his term as President of the European Council. In his speech at the handover ceremony before starting his term, he noted that we need to effectively address people's concerns, and climate change in particular.