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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is aware of the report mandated by the French Ministry of Interior. As previously stated¹, the Commission closely follows the evolving risks linked to organisations trying to unduly influence the European institutions.

The European Democracy Shield will constitute a framework to safeguard, strengthen and promote democracy in the EU, also by reinforcing the EU's collective capacity to tackle Foreign Information and Manipulation Interference (FIMI) and disinformation. It will build on the work done under the 2020 European Democracy Action Plan and the 2023 Defence of Democracy Package, which put forward important initiatives to strengthen European democracy, including by increasing transparency and democratic accountability to curb covert foreign influence. The Regulation on political advertising², the proposed directive on interest representation on behalf of third countries or Regulation (EU) 2021/784³ are relevant texts that contribute addressing the issue.

As concluded in the implementation report⁴ of Regulation 2021/784, the Regulation has had a positive impact in limiting the dissemination of terrorist content online. The evaluation report – foreseen for 2026 - will measure the effectiveness of the Regulation, including its long-term impact on specific areas, like fundamental rights.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2025-002185-ASW_EN.html.

² Regulation (EU) 2024/900 on the transparency and targeting of political advertising.

³ Regulation (EU) 2021/784 on addressing the dissemination of terrorist content online, published on 14 February 2024.

⁴ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2021/784 on addressing the dissemination of terrorist content online, published on 14 February 2024. COM/2024/64 final. <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2024%3A64%3AFIN>.