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**Question for written answer E-001434/26
to the Council**

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Subject: Russia's influence on Hungary through the leaked 12-point plan

Recent reports indicate that Hungary has agreed on a 12-point plan with Russia to deepen cooperation, while Russia's war of aggression against EU candidate country Ukraine carries on. This raises serious concerns about potential Russian influence on EU decision-making, particularly in the context of the Council's role in adopting sanctions against Russia and foreign policy positions.

1. How does the Council assess the risks that such cooperation poses to the integrity and unity of EU decision-making on sanctions and foreign policy?
2. What concrete measures is the Council taking to prevent undue Russian influence from affecting its deliberations and decisions, including through Member States maintaining close bilateral ties with Russia?
3. In the light of these risks, does the Council consider that mechanisms should be developed and deployed to suspend a Member State's participation in sensitive deliberations where this is necessary to safeguard European security?

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Reply
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It is not for the Council to comment on press reports.
