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Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas
on behalf of the European Commission
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Since the start of the new College, the Commission has been actively engaging with successive Council Presidencies and individual Member States to reflect upon the legal and practical issues raised by the earlier discussions between the co-legislators on the proposed Directive discontinuing seasonal changes of time and repealing Directive 2000/84/EC¹, and to examine the possibilities for the resumption of those discussions. As noted by the Honourable Member, the proposal was listed in Annex III (entitled ‘Pending Proposals’) of the Commission’s work programme for 2025 (point 61)².

In this context and following discussions on the proposal initiated by the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU, the Commission has decided to respond to a Member State call for further analysis to be undertaken on this matter. A study is expected to be launched in 2025, and the European Parliament will be kept fully informed of its progress.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2000/84/oj/eng>.

² https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/7617998c-86e6-4a74-b33c-249e8a7938cd_en?filename=COM_2025_45_1_annexes_EN.pdf.