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On 29 June, the Presidency of the Council of the European Union responded to the proposal of the European Parliament by signalling its readiness to remove Russian interest representatives from the Transparency Register insofar as their presence would damage the reputation of the register, in accordance with point (e) of the Code of Conduct set out in Annex I to the Interinstitutional Agreement<sup>1</sup>, and more generally the very objectives of the register.

As for the second sub-question, the Council recalls that this matter falls within the sphere of competence of the Transparency Register and is handled by the Management Board.

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<sup>1</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on a mandatory transparency register (OJ L 207, 11.6.2021, p. 1).