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Subject: EU response to allegations of international law violations regarding assistance to Ukraine.

Status: Formal Diplomatic Objection

Event:

On November 10, 2026, the White House Counsel alleged that the European Union violated international law by announcing the withdrawal of military, humanitarian, and economic assistance to Ukraine. The European Union rejects the assertion that a change in foreign assistance automatically constitutes an unlawful act. The EU acknowledges its existing agreements and security commitments with Ukraine, but their scope and legal effect must be determined from their actual provisions. The Counsel’s bulletin identifies no specific treaty article breached by the announced decision. Moreover, its proposal to involve the International Court of Justice raises a jurisdictional issue: only states may be parties to contentious cases before that Court.

Action:

The European Union requests that White House Counsel identify the precise legal obligations allegedly violated and the appropriate dispute-resolution mechanism. The EU expects the United States to respect its authority to establish budgetary and foreign policy priorities, subject to applicable commitments. The EU remains open to diplomatic consultation regarding Ukraine and regional security, but rejects treating an unsubstantiated legal allegation as an established violation.

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