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**of the 2535th extraordinary meeting of the Commission
held by videoconference
on Wednesday 20 August 2025
(morning)**

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Single sitting: Wednesday 20 August 2025 (morning)

The sitting opened at 10.16 with Ms von der LEYEN, President, in the chair.

The following members attended by videoconference:

Ms von der LEYEN	President	
Ms RIBERA	Executive Vice-President	Item 2 (in part)
Ms VIRKKUNEN	Executive Vice-President	
Mr SÉJOURNÉ	Executive Vice-President	
Ms KALLAS	High Representative / Vice-President	
Ms MÎNZATU	Executive Vice-President	
Mr FITTO	Executive Vice-President	
Mr ŠEFČOVIČ	Member	
Mr DOMBROVSKIS	Member	
Ms ŠUICA	Member	
Mr VÁRHELYI	Member	
Mr HOEKSTRA	Member	
Mr KUBILIUS	Member	
Mr SÍKELA	Member	
Mr KADIS	Member	
Ms ALBUQUERQUE	Member	
Ms LAHBIB	Member	
Ms ROSWALL	Member	
Mr SERAFIN	Member	
Mr JØRGENSEN	Member	
Ms ZAHARIEVA	Member	
Mr McGRATH	Member	
Mr TZITZIKOSTAS	Member	
Mr MICALLEF	Member	

Absent:

Ms KOS	Member
Mr BRUNNER	Member
Mr HANSEN	Member

The following also sat in:

Mr SEIBERT	Head of Cabinet to the PRESIDENT
Ms PINHO	Head of the Spokesperson's Service and Chief Spokesperson of the Commission
Mr CALLEJA CRESPO	Director-General, Legal Service
Ms SPINANT	Director-General, DG Communication
Ms PODESTA	Deputy Chief Spokesperson of the Commission

Secretary: Ms JUHANSONE, Secretary-General, assisted by Mr TAQUET-GRAZIANI,
Acting Head of Unit in the Secretariat-General.

1. AGENDA

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The Commission took note of that day's agenda.

2. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The PRESIDENT briefed the College on her meeting with US President Donald Trump, held on Monday 18 August 2025 in Washington, alongside Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and several European leaders: Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, Giorgia Meloni, Prime Minister of Italy, Friedrich Merz, Federal Chancellor of Germany, Alexander Stubb, President of the Republic of Finland, Keir Starmer, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Mark Rutte, Secretary General of NATO. She underlined that the meeting was part of joint efforts to secure a fair and lasting peace that safeguarded Ukraine's vital interests and Europe's security.

In the course of the discussion that followed, the Commission focused mainly on security guarantees, prospects for a ceasefire, prisoner exchanges and the return of deported Ukrainian children, as well as on Ukraine's European future, defence cooperation and ongoing work on sanctions. The need to preserve European unity and to continue close coordination with international partners was also emphasised.

The Commission took note of this information.

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The Commission's other discussions on certain agenda items are recorded in the special minutes.

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The meeting closed at 10.53.