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Subject: Russian intelligence operations against the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

According to investigative journalists¹, hacker groups working for the Russian intelligence service are behind operations against Hungary’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. According to the journalists, hacks have led to a situation where ‘Hungarian diplomacy has become practically an open book for Moscow through the hacking of the ministry’s networks. Russians are able to know in advance what the Hungarian foreign ministry is thinking and planning, and this is happening at a very sensitive time.’

1. What steps has the Council taken to verify these findings?

2. Can it confirm that the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs was indeed hacked by groups working for the Russian intelligence service and that sensitive documents have been compromised?

3. What action is it taking to prevent confidential EU documents with security-compromising information from reaching the Russian authorities via hacks against the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs?