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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Estonian Presidency - Chairing of certain Working Parties by other delegations, at the request of the Estonian Presidency

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The Secretariat wishes to inform the Council that Estonia, as holder of the Presidency for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2017, has requested, in accordance with Article 20(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, that the Netherlands and Bulgaria chair certain Working Parties during this period on behalf of the Estonian Presidency, either for all meetings, for meetings covering certain topics which fall within their remit, or for meetings held outside Brussels.

The list below sets out these arrangements. It is suggested that the Council agrees to these arrangements in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

*Furthermore, it should be noted that during the Estonian Presidency the High Level Working Group on Competitiveness and Growth (G.24) will be chaired by the Austrian representative to that Group, in accordance with the arrangements approved by the Permanent Representatives Committee on 31 October 2014 (15006/14).*

Chairing of a Working Party by another delegation  
during the period from 1 July to 31 December 2017

<b>Working Party<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Chairing delegation</b>
Working Party on Wines and Alcohol (F.12)	<i>Area to be chaired by Bulgaria:</i> - <i>OIV - International Organisation of Vine and Wine</i>
Codex Alimentarius Working Party (F.23)	<i>Area to be chaired by the Netherlands:</i> - <i>CAC - Codex Alimentarius Commission</i>

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. list of Council preparatory bodies in doc. 15452/16.