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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
Subject:	Bulgarian Presidency - Chairing of certain Working Parties by other delegations, at the request of the Bulgarian Presidency

The Secretariat wishes to inform the Council that Bulgaria, as holder of the Presidency for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2018, has requested, in accordance with Article 20(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, that Estonia and Austria chair certain Working Parties during this period on behalf of the Bulgarian Presidency for all meetings, for meetings covering certain topics within their remit or for meetings held outside Brussels.

In addition, the Bulgarian Presidency has requested France to chair the area of the Roosendaal Group of the Working Party on Plant Health (F.19).

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.

Chairing of a Working Party by another delegation
during the period from 1 January to 30 June 2018

Working Party¹	Chairing delegation
Friends of the Presidency Group (A.16)	<i>Area to be chaired by Estonia:</i> - <i>Action 1 of the Joint Framework on countering hybrid threats</i>
Working Party on Plant Health (F.19)	<i>Area to be chaired by France:</i> - <i>Roosendaal Group</i>
Codex Alimentarius Working Party (F.23)	<i>Area to be chaired by Austria:</i> - <i>CAC - Codex Alimentarius Commission</i>
Working Party on Shipping (H.2)	<i>Area to be chaired by Estonia:</i> - <i>Items related to IMO/IMO meetings</i>

¹ Cf. list of Council preparatory bodies in doc. 10075/17 + COR 1.