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## 'I' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of Euroseeds, Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture, the Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Norway and Switzerland at meetings of the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Genetic Resources) <i>- Approval</i>

The Presidency intends to invite the following third parties to the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Genetic Resources) on 26 July 2022:

- Euroseeds;
- Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture.

The aim is to inform the members of the Working Party about ongoing work on the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing as well as on the topic of Digital Sequence Information, especially on possible consequences on the current plant genetic resources flow and exchange.

The Presidency further intends to invite the following third parties to the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Genetic Resources) on 7 and 8 September 2022:

- the Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;
- Norway;
- Switzerland.

The aim is to inform the Working Party about the preparation of the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty, and to exchange views with non-EU countries that are highly active within the European Regional Group, in view of regional coordination before the Session.

In this context, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the above mentioned third parties at the said meetings of the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Genetic Resources).

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