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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Committee of Permanent Representatives (part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of third parties at the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (Codex Alimentarius – CAC) on 21 September 2022 - <i>Approval</i>

1. In accordance with its mandate agreed by Coreper, the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions is responsible for coordinating and preparing EU positions for a number of international organisations in the field of agriculture and food, including the Codex Alimentarius (joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme).
2. It is in the EU's interest that its positions on Codex Alimentarius standards be supported by the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) member countries. In order to facilitate the alignment of their positions with those of the EU, the Presidency proposes to invite representatives of the EFTA countries to attend the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party scheduled for 21 September 2022.
3. The Presidency considers that the attendance of the EFTA representatives is in the interest of the Council and complies with the framework applicable to the occasional presence of third parties at meetings of the Council or its preparatory bodies, as set out in the comments on the Council's Rules of Procedure.

4. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the EFTA representatives at the videoconference of the members of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (Codex Alimentarius – CAC) scheduled for 21 September 2022.
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