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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Attendance of a Third Party at the Meeting of the Members of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Public Procurement) on 27 September 2022 - Approval

1. On behalf of the Presidency, at the meeting of the Competitiveness and Growth (Public Procurement) Working Party on 27 September 2022, **Mr Victor Chaptal**, Policy Officer in the Legal Affairs Directorate of the French Ministry of Economy, Finance, and Digital and Industrial Sovereignty, would speak as Chair of the Sustainable Public Procurement Group (SPPG). SPPG is a sub-group of the Commission's Experts Group on Public Procurement (EXPP).

Mr Chaptal is invited to deliver a presentation on the follow-up of the Council Conclusions on the Development of Sustainable Procurement, prepared and approved by the Council during the French Presidency. The presentation is included in point 4 in the meeting's agenda, set out in document CM 4401/1//22 REV 1.

2. The contribution by Mr Chaptal is welcome by the Presidency. It will have a direct impact on the exchange of views concerning the ongoing and future long-term developments in public procurement in the EU. The presentation would also express the views of the Commission on the topic, for Mr Chaptal will also speak on behalf of the Commission services.
 3. The Presidency considers that his participation is in the interest of the Council and in line with the framework, consolidated in the Comments on the Council's Rules of Procedure, applicable to the occasional presence of third parties, including interest representatives, at meetings of the Council or of its preparatory bodies.
 4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of Mr Victor Chaptal as speaker at the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Public Procurement) on 27 September 2022 for the specific above-mentioned agenda item.
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