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Subject:	Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Intellectual Property (CI GIs) on 26 October 2022 - <i>Approval</i>

1. On 13 April 2022, the Commission presented a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on geographical indication protection for craft and industrial products.
2. This proposal suggests that the EUIPO (European Union Intellectual Property Office), the specialised agency for intellectual property, be the entity responsible for the examination and registration of geographical indications for craft and industrial products at EU level.
3. In this context, and in accordance with the framework applicable to the occasional presence of third parties at Council meetings or its preparatory bodies, the Presidency considers that it is in the interest of the Council to allow two representatives of the EUIPO to participate in the next meeting of the Working Party on Intellectual Property, in order for the EUIPO to present its observations on the procedures proposed in the said proposal and to answer possible questions from delegations.

4. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of two representatives of the EUIPO at the meeting of the Working Party on Intellectual Property on 26 October 2022.
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