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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Attendance of the European Economic and Social Committee at meetings of the Budget Committee during the Swedish Presidency

1. On 21 December 2022, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) submitted to the Council its report required under Article 3 of Council Decision 2021/1072 on the granting of daily allowances to, and the reimbursement of travelling expenses of, members of the European Economic and Social Committee and their alternates in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union.
2. The Presidency intends to invite representatives of the EESC to the meeting of the Budget Committee on 1 March 2023 to present the report mentioned above and to provide delegations with the opportunity to exchange views on it.
3. The Presidency considers that this invitation is in the interest of the Council and in line with the framework applicable to the occasional presence of third parties 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 the EESC representatives to the Budget Committee meeting on 1 March 2023, as well as to any follow-up meetings of the Budget Committee during the Swedish Presidency where the specific item related to the report mentioned above would figure on the agenda, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Council's Rules of Procedure.
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