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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations

Subject: Study on the Union's situation and options regarding the introduction, production, evaluation, marketing and use of invertebrate biocontrol agents (IBCA) within the territory of the Union
- Presentation by the Commission

Delegations will find in the Annex a note from the Commission on the above-mentioned subject which will be dealt with under "Any other business" at the Council meeting ("Agriculture and Fisheries") on 25 April 2023.

Information by the Commission concerning the Commission's response to Council Decision (EU) 2021/1102 of 28 June 2021, requesting the Commission to submit a study on the Union's situation and options regarding the introduction, production, evaluation, marketing and use of invertebrate biocontrol agents (IBCA) within the territory of the Union and a proposal, if appropriate, in the view of the outcome of the study

On 28 June 2021, the Council, based on Article 241 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, requested the Commission to submit by 31 December 2022 a study on the Union's situation and options regarding the introduction, production, evaluation, marketing and use of invertebrate biocontrol agents (IBCA) within the territory of the Union and a proposal, if appropriate in view of the outcome of the study (Council Decision (EU) 2021/1102).

The study was submitted to the Council and the European Parliament on 21 December 2022 (please see 16317/22 + ADD 1).

Based on the input from Member States and stakeholders, the study provides a comprehensive overview about the IBCA market in the EU and the regulatory approaches taken by the 27 Member States. It also shows that there are insufficient quantitative data on the potential market and use of IBCAs in the Member States available to allow a proper analysis of possible impacts of the stakeholder's suggestions and of the possible added value of EU intervention compared to action that could be taken at Member State level.