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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Coreper I
Subject:	Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Forestry on 22 September 2023 - <i>Approval</i>

1. The Presidency intends to invite the following third party to the Working Party on Forestry scheduled for 22 September 2023 (for agenda item 1):
 - a delegation composed of three representatives from Ghana.
2. The purpose of the attendance of the above third party is to present to delegations the main achievements as regards the trade of legal timber and timber products to the EU following the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between Ghana and the European Union on forest law enforcement, governance and trade.
3. The Presidency considers that this invitation 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 above third party at the Working Party on Forestry scheduled for 22 September 2023.
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