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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of representatives of EFTA and of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe at the meeting of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 4-5 December 2023 <i>- Approval</i>

1. The Presidency would like to invite representatives from the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) to attend the meeting of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) of 4 - 5 December 2023 to present the results of the FVE survey of the Veterinary Profession in Europe. The topic is of a general interest to the Working Party and the presentation by FVE is expected to provide valuable information to it.
2. In addition, the Presidency would like to invite representatives of the member countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) to attend that same meeting during its agenda item concerning preparation of positions with regard to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). The Presidency considers that their attendance during this item would facilitate the alignment of the positions of the EFTA countries with those of the EU.

3. The Presidency considers that the above invitations are in the interest of the Council and comply with the framework applicable to the occasional attendance 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 view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of representatives of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe and of the EFTA member countries at the meeting of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Matters (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 4 - 5 December 2023.
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