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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 25-26 January 2024 - <i>Approval</i>

1. The Presidency intends to invite representatives of the following third parties to attend the meeting of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 25-26 January 2024:
 - Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE);
 - European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA);
 - member countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).
2. The purpose of the attendance of the above persons is:
 - as far as the representative of FVE is concerned, to allow her to make a presentation on the envisaged solutions to the difficulties resulting from the lack of veterinarians identified in the FVE survey on the Veterinary Profession in Europe;

- as far as the representative of HaDEA is concerned, to allow him to present an assessment of the Member States' applications for co-financing of animal disease control programmes under the single market programme, as part of a wider discussion on the consequences for the veterinary programmes following from the recent reductions of such co-financing and of other financial constraints;
 - as far as the representatives of the member countries of EFTA are concerned, to allow them to follow the discussion on the agenda item concerning the future of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) in order to facilitate the alignment of their positions regarding WOAHA with those of the EU.
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 parties at the meeting of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 25-26 January 2024.