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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject: Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level) on 22 February 2024
- Approval

1. At the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level) on 22 February 2024, the members of the group will discuss the preparation of the High Level Report on the Future of the Internal Market.
2. The Chair of the group would like to invite Enrico Letta, the former Prime Minister of Italy, and his assistant to attend the meeting. Enrico Letta was tasked to prepare the above-mentioned High Level Report. He would present to delegations his work done so far and the possible preliminary conclusions of the future report, while delegations could communicate their views on the future of the internal market. Enrico Letta is registered in the transparency registry with the identification number 726109217329-25.
3. The Chair of the group would like to invite Ben Butters, CEO of Eurochambers, and his employee to attend the meeting. They would present to delegations “the 2024 Eurochambers Single Market Survey: overcoming obstacles, developing solutions”, which would feed into the exchange of views between the delegations on the Single Market policy developments. Eurochambers is registered in the transparency register with the identification number 0014082722-83.

4. The Chair of the group considers that these invitations are in the interest of the Council and in line with the framework applicable to the occasional presence of third parties, including interest representatives, at meetings of the Council or of its preparatory bodies consolidated in the Comments on the Council's Rules of Procedure.
 5. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of Enrico Letta and the representatives of Eurochambers at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level) on 22 February 2024.
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