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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of EIGE at the Social Questions Working Party on 29 February 2024

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) is preparing a study entitled “Financial independence and gender equality in the EU”, which will serve as important background for a set of draft Council Conclusions on "Economic empowerment and financial independence of women as a pathway to substantive gender equality"¹ prepared by the Presidency.

On 29 February 2024, the Presidency intends to organise a meeting of the Social Questions Working Party to discuss the draft Conclusions. The Presidency intends to invite EIGE to present its report at the beginning of this meeting, before the Working Party begins its deliberations.

Against this background, the Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to approve the attendance of two EIGE representatives at the beginning of the Social Questions Working Party meeting on 29 February 2024.

¹ Conclusions drawn up within the context of the review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.