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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of third party at the meeting of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) on 23 February 2024 - <i>Approval</i>

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1. The Presidency intends to invite the following third party at the meeting of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) scheduled for 23 February 2024:
  - the Director of the FAO Animal Production and Health Division (NSA), accompanied by the director and a liaison officer of the FAO Liaison Office with the European Union and Belgium.
2. The purpose of the attendance of the above third party at the Working Party meeting is to allow for a presentation and exchange of views on FAO's work on animal production and health, including updates on new programmes and initiatives launched, particularly in relation to the upcoming second meeting of the livestock-subcommittee of FAO's Committee on Agriculture (Rome, 16-18 July 2024).

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 meeting of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) scheduled for 23 February 2024.
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