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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Attendance of a representative of the high-level group on the future of cohesion policy at the meeting of the Working Party on Structural Measures and Outermost Regions on 7 March 2024 - <i>Approval</i>

1. On 20 February 2024, the high-level group on the future of cohesion policy (HLG) published its report “Forging a sustainable future together: Cohesion for a competitive and inclusive Europe”.
2. The Presidency intends to invite an HLG representative to the meeting of the Working Party on Structural Measures and Outermost Regions (SMOR) on 7 March 2024 to present the report mentioned above and to provide delegations with the opportunity to exchange views on it.
3. The Presidency considers that this invitation is in the interest of the Council and in line with the framework applicable to the occasional presence of third parties at meetings of the Council or of its preparatory bodies.

4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of an HLG representative at the SMOR meeting on 7 March 2024 for the specific agenda item related to the report mentioned above, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Council's Rules of Procedure.
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