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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 (Internal Market) on 20 March 2024
- Approval

1. At the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Internal Market) on 20 March 2024, the members of the group will discuss several topics linked to the internal market, notably:
 - a) the barriers to the free movement of goods in the internal market, and
 - b) national lotteries facing up to the internal market.
2. The Chair of the group would like to invite Ms Prouzet, the representative of the “Federation du commerce et de la distribution” and the member of the European Economic and Social Committee, to attend that meeting as a third party and to present to delegations the Single Market Barriers Overview, prepared by Eurocommerce. Ms Prouzet was one of the co-authors of that overview.

3. The Chair of the group would also like to invite Mr Louski and Mr Vlaemminck, the representatives of “Nationale Loterij / Loterie Nationale”, to attend that meeting as a third party and to present to delegations their views about national lotteries facing unfair competition from private lotteries, the issues linked with competitiveness and the internal market barriers they are facing. Nationale Loterij / Loterie Nationale is registered in the transparency register with the identification number 42339606312-94.
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 the representatives of the “Federation du commerce et de la distribution” and of the “Nationale Loterij / Loterie Nationale” at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Internal Market) on 20 March 2024.
