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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Withdrawal of Commission proposals - Approval of a letter

1. In 2016, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to reinforce the Union's annual and multiannual programming through the interinstitutional agreement on better law-making¹ (IIA-BLM paragraphs 4 - 11).
2. In accordance with the IIA-BLM (paragraphs 8 and 9), the Commission is to include in its Work Programme information on the withdrawal of proposals. Furthermore, the Commission is to provide the reasons for such withdrawal and to conduct proper interinstitutional consultations on that basis, in accordance with the principles of sincere cooperation and of institutional balance.
3. On 15 November 2023, the Commission presented its work programme 2024² to the Council (General Affairs). The work programme includes in its Annex IV six pending proposals³ which the Commission intends to withdraw, accompanied by reasons for each withdrawal. Following the presentation by the Commission, Member States provided written comments⁴ on the basis of document 14470/23.

¹ OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1.

² 13917/23 + ADD 1.

³ 6402/21 + ADD 1, 8797/20 + ADD 1, 15262/21 + ADD 1, 15660/17, 7036/19 + ADD 1, 11913/18 + ADD 1.

⁴ 16313/23.

4. In addition, on 21 February 2024 the Commission announced⁵ the intention to withdraw one further legislative proposal⁶, providing reasons for the withdrawal.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
- take note of the information received on Commission proposals planned to be withdrawn in March 2024; and
 - approve, in accordance with Article 19(7)(k) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, the letter to the European Commission, as set out in the Annex to this note.
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⁵ 6946/24.

⁶ 10654/22 + ADD 1 to ADD 6.

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Sir

I am writing in reply to your letter of 21 February 2024, whereby you inform the Council that the Commission intends to withdraw the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the sustainable use of plant protection products and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 by 31 March 2024.

At its meeting on 13 March 2024, the Permanent Representatives Committee took note of this information.

Furthermore, the Council (General Affairs) had already taken note of the information on withdrawals contained in Annex IV to the Commission Work Programme 2024 at its meeting on 15 November 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee

Copy: Ms Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament