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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
dated:	20 March 2024
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of third parties at the meeting of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) on 27 March 2024 - <i>Approval</i>

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1. The Presidency intends to invite the following third parties at the meeting of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) scheduled for 27 March 2024:
  - the Director of the Office of Innovation at FAO, accompanied by the Director and a liaison officer of the FAO Liaison Office with the European Union and Belgium;
  - the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), accompanied by an official of the CFS secretariat and 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 parties at the Working Party meeting is:
  - as far as the Director of the Office of Innovation at FAO is concerned, to allow for a presentation and exchange of views on FAO's work on digitilisation and innovation, particularly in the context of FAO's Science and Innovation Strategy;

- as far as the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) is concerned, to allow for a presentation and exchange of views on the preparation of the 52<sup>nd</sup> CFS session (Rome, 21-25 October 2024), particularly in relation to the workstreams on “Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition” and “Increasing awareness, ownership, use and usefulness of CFS policy outcomes”.
3. The Presidency considers that these invitations are in the interest of the Council and comply 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 parties at the meeting of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) scheduled for 27 March 2024.