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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)  
Subject: Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level) on 25 April 2024  
- Approval

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1. At the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level) on 25 April 2024, the members of the group will discuss the topic of Innovation in the energy-intensive industries ecosystem. During the working lunch, the members will exchange views on the topic of Financing landscape for industry.
2. The Chair of the group would like to invite a representative of European Trade Union Federation (ETUC) (transparency registry identification number: 06698681039-26) and a representative of European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic) (transparency registry identification number: 64879142323-90). They would present their views on the challenges the energy-intensive industries are facing, which will feed into the exchange of views between delegations on the topic of innovation in the energy-intensive industries ecosystem.
3. The Chair of the group would like to invite representatives of PMV (Investment Company for Flanders) to attend the working lunch. They would present their views on the financing possibilities for industries, which would feed into the exchange of views between the delegations on the topic of financing landscape for industry.

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 European Trade Union Federation (ETUC), of European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic) and of PMV (Investment Company for Flanders) at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level) on 25 April 2024.

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