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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 Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 18 April 2024 - <i>Approval</i>

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1. The Presidency intends to invite representatives of the following third parties to attend the meeting of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 18 April 2024:
  - member countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA);
  - The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME).
2. The purpose of the attendance of the above persons is:
  - as far as the representatives of the member countries of EFTA are concerned, to facilitate the alignment of their positions regarding the agenda items related the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) with those of the EU;
  - as far as the representative of CPME is concerned, to make a presentation on the workforce shortages in human health care.

3. The Presidency considers that this invitation is in the interest of the Council and complies 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 Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 18 April 2024.
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