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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	Attendance of a third party at the meeting of the Trade Policy Committee (Generalised System of Preferences (GSP)) on 18 June 2024 - Approval

1. The Chair of the Trade Policy Committee (Generalised System of Preferences (GSP)) intends to invite representatives of the Mission of the Republic of Philippines to the European Union for an informal exchange of views at the Trade Policy Committee (GSP) meeting on 18 June 2024.
2. The Chair of the Trade Policy Committee (GSP) considers that this invitation is 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. In particular, the objective of this invitation would be to allow the representatives of the Mission of the Republic of Philippines to the EU to present the country's experience implementing the GSP+ scheme, including the positive elements and the challenges from the perspective of a beneficiary country. An informal discussion with experts from Member States will follow the presentation.

3. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the representatives of the Mission of the Republic of Philippines to the EU at the Trade Policy Committee (GSP) meeting on 18 June 2024.
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