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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Attendance of the Expert group on the economic and societal impact of research and innovation (ESIR) at the Research Working Party on 11 September 2024 - Approval

1. The Expert group on the economic and societal impact of research and innovation (ESIR) is a high-level expert group that provides evidence-based policy advice to the Commission on how to develop a forward-looking and transformative research and innovation (R&I) policy. The group notably deals with areas related to the twin digital and sustainability transitions, mission-oriented policies and the societal and economic impacts of R&I policy.
2. The Presidency would like to invite two representatives of ESIR to the Research Working Party of 11 September 2024 in order to provide delegations with an update on their activities.
3. The Presidency considers that this 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 consolidated in the Comments on the Council's Rules of Procedure.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of ESIR representatives at the Research Working Party 11 September 2024 for the specific agenda item mentioned above.