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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of forest and biodiversity monitoring experts at the informal videoconference of the members of the Ad Hoc Working Party on Forest Monitoring on 18 October 2024 - <i>Approval</i>

1. The Presidency intends to invite the following third parties to the informal videoconference of the members of the Ad Hoc Working Party on Forest Monitoring scheduled for 18 October 2024:
 - one expert in the monitoring of forest disturbances from Wagenigen University and part of ENFIN;
 - one expert in the monitoring of forest disturbances from the University of Munich;
 - one expert on biodiversity monitoring from the University of Ghent;
 - one expert in the monitoring of forest resources using National Forest Inventories and remote sensing, coordinator of the Horizon Europe PathFinder

2. The purpose of the attendance of the above third parties is to present technical data and to provide clarifications to the questions raised by the delegations in the previous meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Party regarding the proposal for a Regulation on a forest monitoring framework for resilient European forests.
 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 view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the representatives mentioned in paragraph 1 at the informal videoconference of the members of the Ad Hoc Working Party on Forest Monitoring on 18 October 2024.
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