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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of representatives from Norway and Switzerland at the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Genetic Resources) on 11-12 March 2025 - <i>Approval</i>

1. The Presidency would like to invite representatives from Norway and Switzerland to attend the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Genetic Resources) of 11-12 March 2025. The purpose of the attendance of the above third parties is to exchange views with non-EU countries that are highly active within the European Regional Group, in view of regional coordination before the Twentieth Regular Session of the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA), to be held 24-28 March 2025.
2. 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.
3. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the representatives from Norway and Switzerland at the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Genetic Resources) of 11-12 March 2025.