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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject: Attendance of the Director of the FAO Liaison Office, the Director of the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub and the Chair of the FAO Livestock Sub-Committee at the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) on 26 March 2025
– *Approval*

1. The Presidency intends to invite the following third parties at the meeting of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) scheduled for 26 March 2025:
 - the Director of the FAO Liaison Office with the European Union and Belgium;
 - the Director of the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub hosted by the FAO;
 - the Chair of the FAO Livestock Sub-Committee.
2. The purpose of the attendance of the above third parties at the Working Party meeting is:
 - as far as the Director of the FAO Liaison Office is concerned, to allow him to present the priorities of the FAO for the coming months and to allow for an exchange of views with the Working Party;
 - as far as the Director of the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub is concerned, to allow him to present the state of play regarding the preparations for the 2nd United Nations Food Systems Summit Stocktaking Moment (UNFSS+4), scheduled to take place from 28 to 30 July 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and to allow for an exchange of views with the Working Party;

- as far as the Chair of the FAO Livestock Sub-Committee is concerned, to allow him to present the state of play regarding the development of a Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Livestock Transformation, and to allow for an exchange of views with the Working Party.
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 above third parties at the meeting of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) on 26 March 2025.
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