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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)  
Subject: Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level) on 29 April 2025  
- *Approval*

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1. At the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level) on 29 April 2025, the members will exchange views on the topic of 'Towards the Competitiveness Fund. How to shape funding to support Competitiveness of EU industry'.
2. The Chair of the Working Party would like to invite the representatives of Lithuanian Clusters Network (Lietuvos klasterių tinklas) to this meeting. The representatives would present their views on the needs of the industry to support the competitiveness of European industries. These insights will feed into the exchange of views between delegations on the topic of upcoming European Competitiveness Fund and how to shape funding to support the competitiveness of EU industry.
3. The Chair of the Working Party 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 consolidated in the Comments on the Council's Rules of Procedure.

4. Considering the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the representatives of Lithuanian Clusters Network (Lietuvos klasterių tinklas) at the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level) on 29 April 2025.
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