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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 19 May 2025 - <i>Approval</i>

1. The Presidency intends to invite representatives of EFTA countries, of the African Union and of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) to attend the meeting of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 19 May 2025.
2. The purpose of their attendance is:
 - as far as the representatives of the member countries of EFTA and of the African Union are concerned, to facilitate the alignment of their positions for the general assembly of WOAHA with those of the EU;
 - as far as the representative of the FVE is concerned, to allow them to make presentation on the role of private practice veterinarians in the context of Animal Health Law from the FVE's perspective.
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 the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of representatives of the EFTA countries, of the African Union and of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) at the meeting of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 19 May 2025.
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