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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of representatives from the European Food Safety Authority and the EU-funded research projects “DARWIN” and “DETECTIVE” at the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Innovation in Agriculture) on 19 November 2024 - <i>Approval</i>

The Presidency would like to invite a representative from the European Food Safety Authority to attend the meeting of the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Innovation in Agriculture).

The purpose of the attendance of the above third party is to present to delegations its scientific opinion on the analysis by the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) of Annex I to the European Commission’s proposal for a Regulation on plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques and their food and feed products.

Furthermore, the Presidency would like to invite representatives from the EU-funded research projects “DARWIN – Transition to safe & sustainable food systems through new & innovative detection methods & digital solutions for plant-based products derived from new genomic techniques, under a co-creation approach” and “DETECTIVE – Detection of NGT products to promote innovation in Europe” to attend the meeting of the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Innovation in Agriculture).

The purpose of the attendance of the above third parties is to present to delegations the goals and objectives of, as well as the results obtained so far by, the two projects.

The Presidency considers that these invitations are in the interest of the Council and comply 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.

In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the representatives from the European Food Safety Authority and the EU-funded research projects "DARWIN" and "DETECTIVE" at the meeting of the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Innovation in Agriculture) on 19 November 2024.
