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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	Attendance of a third party at the meeting of the Trade Policy Committee (Generalised System of Preferences (GSP)) on 4 December 2024 - Approval

1. The Chair of the Trade Policy Committee (Generalised System of Preferences (GSP)) intends to invite representatives of the Republic of Uzbekistan for an informal exchange of views at the Trade Policy Committee (GSP) meeting on 4 December 2024.
2. The Chair of the Trade Policy Committee (GSP) 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.
Uzbekistan is the latest beneficiary of the special incentive arrangement for sustainable development and good governance (GSP+) under the GSP. The aim of this invitation would be to allow the representatives of the Republic of Uzbekistan to present the country's experience since joining the GSP+ scheme in 2021, including the positive elements and the challenges from the perspective of a beneficiary country. An informal discussion with experts from Member States will follow the presentation.
3. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the representatives of the Republic of Uzbekistan at the Trade Policy Committee (GSP) meeting on 4 December 2024.