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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Attendance of representatives of the EFTA countries at the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 27-28 January 2026 - <i>Approval</i>

The Presidency would like to invite representatives from EFTA countries to attend the meeting of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 27 and 28 January 2026.

The purpose of their attendance is to facilitate the alignment of the EFTA countries' positions related to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) with those of the EU.

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.

In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the representatives of EFTA countries at the meeting of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 27 and 28 January 2026.