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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Attendance of the European Court of Auditors at the meeting of the Budget Committee on 5 March 2026

1. On 24 February 2026, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) is expected to publish its opinion No 10/2026 concerning the Commission's proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a budget expenditure tracking and performance framework and other horizontal rules for the Union programmes and activities.
2. The Presidency intends to invite representatives of ECA to the meeting of the Budget Committee on 5 March 2026 to present the opinion mentioned above and to provide delegations with the opportunity to exchange views on it.
3. The Presidency 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 at meetings of the Council or of its preparatory bodies.

4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the ECA representatives at the Budget Committee meeting on 5 March 2026 for the specific agenda item related to the opinion mentioned above, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Council's Rules of Procedure.
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