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'I' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

Subject: Attendance of third parties at the Ad Hoc Working Group on the
Multiannual Financial Framework (Global Europe Instrument) on 16 April
2026
- Approval

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Multiannual Financial Framework (Global Europe Instrument) is responsible for the examination of the provisions of the Commission's proposal for a Regulation establishing Global Europe.
2. On 23 October 2025, the Council decided to consult the European Court of Auditors (ECA) on the proposal. On 12 November 2025, the Permanent Representatives Committee decided on an optional basis to consult the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the Committee of the Regions (CoR) on the proposal.
3. On 3 December 2025, the EESC adopted its opinion (16674/25). On 5 February 2026, the ECA adopted its opinion (6359/26). The adoption by the CoR of its opinion is planned for the plenary session of 1-2 July 2026.

4. The Presidency intends to invite representatives of the ECA, the EESC and the CoR to the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Multiannual Financial Framework (Global Europe Instrument) on 16 April 2026 to present their already adopted or draft opinions and to provide delegations with the opportunity to exchange views on them. The Presidency considers that it is in the interest of the Council to be able to benefit from the expertise of these third parties. The third parties will be invited to convey their views, inform or reply to questions from delegates concerning their opinions.
 5. The representatives of the third parties will not participate in the drafting of written documents or in the course of the decision-making process and will not attend deliberation. The meeting will be organised in such way that the representatives of the third parties will be requested to leave the room before any deliberations.
 6. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the representatives of the ECA, the EESC and the CoR for an informal exchange with the members of Ad Hoc Working Group on the Multiannual Financial Framework (Global Europe Instrument) on 16 April 2026.
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