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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of representatives of the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) at the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (OECD - Seeds) on 16 January 2025 – <i>Approval</i>

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The Presidency would like to invite two representatives from the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) to attend the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (OECD - Seeds) scheduled for 16 January 2025 on agenda item 2.

The purpose of the attendance of the above third party is to address questions from delegations requiring the CPVO technical expertise which is useful for the OECD Seed Scheme discussions in relation to the approval of varieties and the certification of seeds

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 above third party at the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (OECD - Seeds) scheduled for 16 January 2025.

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