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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject: Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level) on 7 September 2026
- *Approval*

1. At the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level) on 7 September 2026, the members will exchange views on the topic of 'Unlocking Europe's biotechnology potential'.
2. The Chair of the Working Party would like to invite a representative of Kerry Group (transparency register number: 082799927198-85) to this meeting. The external speaker would have the opportunity to share his experience with biotechnology solutions and transformation from the perspective of a taste and nutrition partner for the food, beverage and pharmaceutical industries. These insights would feed into the exchange of views between delegations on biotechnology scale-up and market growth.
3. The Working Party Chair 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 consolidated in the Comments on the Council's Rules of Procedure.

4. Considering the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the third party mentioned above at the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (High Level) on 7 September 2026.
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