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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on Information (Transparency) on 2 October 2026

1. The Chair of the Working Party on Information (Transparency) intends to invite the European Ombudsman for an exchange of views with the members of the working party at its meeting on 2 October 2026.
2. The Chair of the Working Party on Information (Transparency) 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. The aim of this invitation would be to allow the European Ombudsman to go through recent developments and trends in the area of transparency and access to documents. An informal discussion with the members of the working party would follow the presentation.
3. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the European Ombudsman at the meeting of the Working Party on Information (Transparency) on 2 October 2026.