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To: Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture
(Innovation in Agriculture)

Subject: Informal VTC of the members of the WP Innovation in Agriculture – 1
December – Presidency Flash

In view of the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Innovation in Agriculture) of 1 December 2023, delegations will find in annex the Presidency Flash.



INFORMAL VIDEOCONFERENCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON GENETIC RESOURCES AND INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURE (INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURE)

Presidency Flash for informal VTC 1 December

Dear colleagues,

Please find below further information on the items on the provisional agenda for the VTC of Friday, 1 December (morning session).

TIME	LOCATION
1 DECEMBER: AM 10:00-13:00	INFORMAL VIDEOCONFERENCE (FORMAT 1+1)

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The objective of the meeting is to address the questions and comments raised previously by delegations, related to biotechnology patents in plant breeding. For that purpose, representatives from the European Commission (DG GROW) and the European Patent Office (EPO) will be invited. Considering this is an informal WP meeting, it is not expected to address any issues related to the most recent Presidency compromise text distributed through the Delegates Portal.

1. Biotechnology patents in plant breeding

- Presentation by representatives from the European Patent Office.

Considering the questions and comments raised by delegations, representatives from EPO will make a short presentation.



- Follow up to the previous discussions and comments from Member States on biotechnology patents in plant breeding.

Under this point, questions raised by delegations will be addressed by the representatives from DG GROW and EPO. Delegations will have the opportunity to seek further clarification.

2. AOB

Delegations are invited to inform the Presidency and the General Secretariat of the Council of any other business that they would like to raise, in advance of the meeting.

Kind regards,
The Spanish Presidency Team

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