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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of representatives of EFTA countries at the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 11 September 2024

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1. The Presidency intends to invite representatives of the member countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA countries) to attend the meeting of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 11 September 2024.
2. The purpose of their attendance is to facilitate the alignment of their positions with those of the EU, as it is in the EU's interest that its positions related to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) be supported by the EFTA countries.
3. 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.
4. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of representatives of the EFTA countries at the meeting of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 11 September 2024.