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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Attendance of the Controller of procedural guarantees at the meeting of the Working Party on Combating Fraud on 25 September 2023

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1. On 22 June 2023, the Controller of procedural guarantees (the Controller) published its 2022 Activity Report<sup>1</sup> pursuant to Article 9a(9) of the amended Regulation (EU) No 883/2013<sup>2</sup>.
2. The Presidency intends to invite the Controller to the meeting of the Working Party on Combating Fraud (GAF) on 25 September 2023 to present the activity report mentioned above and to provide delegations with the opportunity to exchange views on it.
3. The Presidency 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 at meetings of the Council or of its preparatory bodies.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. WK 8539/2023.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2223 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 December 2020 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013, as regards cooperation with the European Public Prosecutor's Office and the effectiveness of the European Anti-Fraud Office investigations (OJ L 437, 28.12.2020, p. 49).

4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the Contoller at the GAF meeting on 25 September 2023 for the specific agenda item related to the activity report mentioned above, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Council's Rules of Procedure.
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