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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Attendance of the European Anti-Fraud Office at the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Combating Fraud on 9 November 2021
- Approval

1. On 2 December 2021, the Council will take part in the Inter-institutional Exchange of Views provided by Article 16 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013¹. The Working Party on Combating Fraud (GAF) is expected to discuss the mandate given by the Council to the Presidency for this meeting, on the basis of information notes prepared by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).
2. Article 7(3a) of the above mentioned regulation provides that Member States shall notify to the Commission the relevant competent authorities for the purposes of providing OLAF with bank account information. At the request of the members of the Working Party on Combating Fraud, the Presidency would like to ask OLAF to present the state of play on these notifications.

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18.9.2013, p. 1) as amended by 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. 49–73)

3. On 20 September 2021, OLAF submitted the 32nd Annual Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the Protection of the European Union's Financial Interests – Fight against fraud - 2020². As far as the Council is concerned, in the past, such reports have been presented in the GAF.
 4. The Presidency considers that it is in the interest of the Council to invite OLAF to make the presentations described in paragraphs 1 to 3 during the informal videoconference of the members of the GAF on 9 November 2021 and to provide delegations with the opportunity to ask OLAF questions.
 5. The Presidency therefore intends to invite representatives of OLAF to attend the informal videoconference of the members of the GAF on 9 November 2021.
 6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve this attendance, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Council's Rules of Procedure.
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² Doc. 11919/21 + ADD 1 to ADD 8.