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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)  
Subject: Attendance of third party at the Working Party on International Food and  
Agricultural Questions (FAO) on 3 November 2023  
*- Approval*

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1. The Presidency intends to invite the following third party at the meeting of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) scheduled for 3 November 2023:
  - the Chief Economist of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), accompanied by the Director of the FAO Liaison Office with the European Union and Belgium.
2. The purpose of the attendance of the Chief Economist of the FAO at the Working Party meeting is to allow him to present FAO's latest assessment of the global food security situation and the short-term and long-term outlook, particularly in the context of the impact of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.
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 the above third party at the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) scheduled for 3 November 2023.