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From:	Presidency
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION ON THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the sustainable use of plant protection products and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115

Delegations will find in annex a note from the Presidency on the above subject.

Proposal for a Regulation on the sustainable use of plant protection products:**Guidance for further work****- Background note from the Presidency -**

On 22 June 2022, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a new Regulation on the sustainable use of plant protection products (SUR).

Since March 2022, many delegations have continuously raised concerns both at working party level and in Council meetings regarding the gaps in the impact assessment of the proposal, particularly in light of the war in Ukraine for food security as well as its consequences on high energy and inputs prices.

The Presidency has been seeking solutions with the Member States and the Commission to address these concerns. Several technical meetings on target calculation methodology as well as on sensitive areas have been organised. The Commission was also invited to present the upcoming horizontal comprehensive analysis of the drivers of food security.

However, many delegations called upon the Presidency to undertake further steps to formally request the Commission to provide additional analysis complementing to the extent necessary the impact assessment of the proposal. Such a formal step could be a Council Decision under Article 241 TFEU which would ask for study providing additional data on specific issues.

As a follow up to these requests, the Presidency puts forward to Coreper the following questions for consideration:

Question for the discussion:

Question 1:

Do you consider relevant to ask the Commission for complementary data on specific issues by means of a Council Decision to facilitate the ongoing process? If yes, which specific additional information/analyses do you want to be covered by the study requested by the Decision?

Question 2:

If such a Council Decision was to be adopted by the Council, could you confirm your support to the continuation of the examination of the proposal at Working Party level in parallel?
