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From: General Secretariat of the Council
dated: 12 January 2026
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

Subject: Attendance of representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve at the Working Party on Terrorism (International Aspects, COTER) on 28 January 2026 - Approval

1. At the meeting of the Working Group on Terrorism (International Aspects, COTER) on 28 January 2026, the Presidency foresees an exchange of views on the terrorist threat in and from Syria and Iraq.
2. In this context, the Presidency intends to invite the Head of the Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Syria and two other ICRC representatives to brief about the situation in the camps in North-East Syria and ICRC's activities there.
3. The Presidency also intends to invite three representatives of the Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve, including the Director of the Civil-Military Operation, to share their own assessment of the circumstances in North-East Syria and discuss the work that is undertaken by the Task Force.
4. The Presidency considers that these invitations are in the interest of the Council and in line with the framework applicable to the occasional presence of third parties, including interest representatives, at meetings of the Council or of its preparatory bodies.

5. In view of the foregoing, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the above-mentioned third parties at the meeting of the Working Group on Terrorism (International Aspects, COTER) on 28 January 2026.
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