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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of third party at the meeting of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) on 25 January 2024 - Approval

1. The Presidency intends to invite the following third parties at the meeting of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) scheduled for 25 January 2024:
 - the Director of the FAO Liaison Office with the European Union and Belgium;
 - the Director of FAO's Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, accompanied by a liaison officer of the FAO Liaison Office with the European Union and Belgium.
2. The purpose of the attendance of the above persons at the Working Party meeting is:
 - as far as the Director of the FAO Liaison Office is concerned, to allow him to present the priorities of the FAO for the coming six months and to allow for an exchange of views with the Working Party members;
 - as far as the Director of FAO's Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment is concerned, to allow him to present FAO's contribution to COP28 and the link to FAO's Strategy on Climate Change 2022-31, and to allow for an exchange of views with the Working Party members.

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 parties at the meeting of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) scheduled for 25 January 2024.
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