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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision appointing the Chairperson of the Board of Appeal of the Community Plant Variety Office – <i>Adoption</i>

1. In accordance with Article 47(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2100/94¹, the Chairperson of the Board of Appeal of the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) is appointed by the Council from a list of candidates which shall be proposed by the Commission after obtaining the opinion of the Administrative Council of the CPVO.
2. The term of office of the previous Chairperson ended on 18 February 2023.
3. On 6 July 2023, the Commission decided on the shortlist of candidates, subsequently informed the Council of that decision and transmitted relevant documentation (motivation letters and curricula vitae of the candidates)².

¹ Council Regulation (EC) No 2100/94 on Community plant variety rights (OJ L 227, 1.9.1994, p. 1).

² 12311/23

4. On 22 November 2023, the Permanent Representatives Committee endorsed the selection procedure for the current appointment³.
5. At the meeting of the Working Party Counsellors/Attachés (Agri - Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture) on 4 December 2023, delegations voted by secret ballot, in line with the selection procedure endorsed by the Permanent Representatives Committee, and retained one candidate for endorsement by the Permanent Representatives Committee and subsequent appointment by the Council.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) is therefore invited to:
 - confirm Mr Stefan MARTIN as the candidate to become the new Chairperson of the Board of Appeal of the CPVO;
 - recommend to the Council to adopt, as an ‘A’ item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the Decision appointing Mr Stefan MARTIN as Chairperson of the Board of Appeal of the CPVO, as set out in 16888/23 after legal linguist revision;
 - suggest to the Council to decide to publish the Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union.

³ 15159/23