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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of the Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council (ICC) at the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) on 26 February 2025

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– *Approval*

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The Presidency would like to invite the Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council (ICC) to attend the meeting of the Working Party on 26 February 2025.

The purpose of the attendance of the above third party is to allow for a presentation by the ICC on state of the ongoing informal consultations to follow up on the outcomes of the 176<sup>th</sup> FAO Council session (2-6 December 2024), and to allow for an exchange of views between the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) and the ICC.

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.

In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council (ICC) at the meeting of the Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (FAO) on 26 February 2025.