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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Attendance of a third party at the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Int.Chemicals/Synergies) on 12 March 2024
	- Approval

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1. In the meeting of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Int. Chemicals/Synergies) of 12 March 2024, the Presidency intends to organize a discussion on action taken and progress achieved in the implementation of the new Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC).
2. The GFC was established at the Fifth Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM-5), held on 25-30 September 2023 in Bonn (Germany). The new framework replaced the previous Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) with the aim to ensure a better management of chemicals and waste and a better protection of the environment and human health in the future. The GFC is a voluntary, multistakeholder, multisectoral framework, like its predecessor SAICM, which had been agreed in 2006.

3. In order to allow for an informed discussion of WPIEI, the Presidency considers that it is in the interest of the Council to allow a representative of the GFC Secretariat, **DELETED**, to provide delegations with a comprehensive update on the actions taken and progress achieved six months after the establishment of the GFC. This update will enhance understanding of the ongoing initiatives and contribute to discussions on advancing parts of the framework left open at ICCM-5, such as the measurability structure for tracking progress in implementation and the implementation programs.
4. The Presidency therefore intends to invite **DELETED** to remotely attend the meeting of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Int. Chemicals/Synergies) on 12 March 2024 and intervene under the agenda item devoted to the subject.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve this attendance, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Council's Rules of Procedure.