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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
dated:	23 April 2026
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Internal Market) on 5 May 2026 - *Approval*

1. The Presidency would like to invite the representatives of the European Court of Auditors, the European Economic and Social Committee and of the European Committee of the Regions, to the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Internal Market) scheduled on 5 May 2026.

2. The purpose of the attendance of the above-mentioned third parties is to present their respective opinions[1] on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Single Market and Customs Programme for the period 2028-2034, repealing Regulations (EU) 2021/444, (EU) 2021/690, (EU) 2021/785, (EU) 2021/847 and (EU) 2021/1077.

3. In addition, the European Committee of the Regions would also be invited to present its opinion[2] on the Single Market Strategy.

[1] ECA opinion, doc. 6542/26; EESC opinion, doc 6000/1/26 REV1; CoR opinion, doc 8237/26.
[2] https://www.cor.europa.eu/en/our-work/opinions/cdr-2297-2025.

4. The Presidency considers that this invitation is 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 consolidated in the Comments on the Council's Rules of Procedure.

5. Considering the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the third parties mentioned above at the meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Internal Market) on 5 May 2026.