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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Attendance of third parties at the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 22 May 2024 - <i>Approval</i>

1. The Presidency intends to invite representatives of the following third parties to attend the meeting of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 22 May 2024:
 - member countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA);
 - African Union.
2. The purpose of the attendance of the above persons is to facilitate the alignment of the positions of the EFTA countries and of the African Union regarding the agenda items of the 91th General Session World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) with those of the EU.

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 Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 22 May 2024.
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