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INFORMATION

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Counsellors/Attachés (Agri – Food and Food Systems)
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Subject:	Appointment of a member of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority representing environmental non-governmental organisations - Counsellors/Attachés meeting on 07/03

1. On 18 November 2024, the Commission transmitted to the Council a letter containing the Commission Decision of 8 November 2024 on the adoption of the list (containing one candidate) for the current appointment. The Commission Decision was accompanied by the relevant supporting information concerning the candidate (i.e. the completed application form and *curriculum vitae*).

2. On 29 November 2024, the Council invited the European Parliament to submit its opinion to the Council as soon as possible, and no later than 2 March 2025.

3. The Presidency will convene a meeting of Counsellors/Attachés (Agri - Food and Food Systems) on Friday 7 March 2025 at 2.30 p.m. At this meeting, the Commission will be asked to clarify the discrepancy between the requirements laid down in Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and the fact that the list contains only one candidate. Delegations will then be invited to indicate bilaterally to the General Secretariat of the Council whether they recommend the appointment of the candidate.

4. Delegations may consider the result of the consultation of the European Parliament and will take into account the need *"to secure the highest standards of competence and the broadest range of relevant experience available"*. In particular, the members *"shall be nominated and appointed on the basis of their relevant experience and expertise in the field of food chain law and policy, including risk assessment, whilst ensuring that there is relevant expertise in the fields of managerial, administrative, financial and legal matters within the Management Board"*.

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