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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)

Subject: Attendance of the Community Plant Variety Office, Norway and Switzerland at meetings of the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Plant Breeders' Rights) during the second half of 2022
- Approval

The Presidency intends to invite the Community Plant Variety Office to the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Plant Breeders' Rights) on 19 October 2022 and to "on the spot" coordination meetings of that Working Party in the margins of the sessions of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV; 24-28 October 2022). The aim is to provide technical advice to the Working Party on the preparation of the EU position for the UPOV sessions.

The Presidency further intends to invite Norway and Switzerland to the above mentioned "on the spot" coordination meetings in the margins of the UPOV sessions. The aim is to exchange views with non-EU countries that are highly active in the area of Plant Breeders' Rights.

In this context, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the above mentioned third parties at the said meetings of the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Plant Breeders' Rights).