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## **CONSULTATION**

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**From:** General Secretariat of the Council  
**To:** Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Plant Breeders' Rights)

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**Subject:** Attendance of third parties at meetings of the Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture (Plant Breeders' Rights)

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### **DOCUMENT PARTIALLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC (16.11.2022)**

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 Presidency intends to seek the approval of the Permanent Representatives Committee of 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).

Delegations that have any objections to the attendance of those third parties are kindly invited to send them to the Presidency [REDACTED] and the General Secretariat of the Council [REDACTED], by Thursday 22 September 2022, close of business.