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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Attendance of third parties at the meetings of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Biosafety) during the second semester of 2022
- Approval

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1. The second, face-to-face segment of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 15), and of the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, is planned to take place in Montreal, Canada, on 5-17 December 2022. At CBD COP 15, Parties to the Convention are expected to agree on a new post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, which should allow the world to achieve the 2050 vision of living in harmony with nature, achieving transformative change across our societies and putting nature on a path to recovery by 2030.
2. The Working Party on International Environment Issues (Biosafety) is preparing the position of the EU and its Member States at CBD COP 15 regarding issues related to biosafety and the Cartagena Protocol. The Working Party also follows the progress of intersessional work in the framework of the COP's subsidiary bodies, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI).

3. The EU is represented at the Convention's COP Bureau by Ms. Gabriele Obermayr (AT), and at the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) Bureau by Ms. Marina von Weissenberg (FI) and by **DELETED** (CZ). The chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) is Ms. Charlotta Sörqvist (SE).
4. The Presidency would like to invite the COP and SBSTTA Bureau members and the SBI Chair to participate in the upcoming meetings of the WPIEI (Biosafety) under the agenda items related to the preparation of CBD COP 15. The Presidency considers that it is in the interest of the Council to allow the Bureau members and the SBI Chair to provide the most recent information on the planning of CBD COP 15 to the WPIEI and to enable delegations to ask questions or provide comments to guide the members' interventions in the Bureau.
5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the Bureau members and of the SBI Chair at the meetings of the WPIEI (Biosafety) preparing CBD COP 15 during the Czech Presidency, tentatively scheduled for 12 July, 8 September, 13 October and 8 and 23 November 2022.
