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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Potsdam Group)

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Date: 29 January 2026

Time: 10:00

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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**Format 1+2**

**1. Presentation from the Cypriot Presidency**

– *Information from the Presidency*

**2. Follow up on market access priorities and the Commission's ongoing activities**

– *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

**3. Brazil:**

**a) Brazil reaction to the changes in the identification and health marking of products of animal origin in the EU**

*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

**b) Preparation of the next SPS mechanism in Brasilia in March 2026**

*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

**c) State of play of the EU exports, including the updating of the SPS matrix of the MADB**

*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

**4. China: Report on meeting with China’s GACC on new Decree 280**

*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

**5. South Korea:**

**a) Pet Food Import Health Requirements (IHR)**

*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

**b) Status of the implementation of the new harmonized certificates**

*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

**6. United Arab Emirates: GSO standards**

*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

**7. South Africa:**

**a) “National Strategy on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Regionalisation”**

*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

**b) State of play of the EU exports**

*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

**8. Indonesia: Information about a study tour on Halal certification**

*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

**9. Mexico: Preparation of the upcoming SPS Subcommittee in March 2026**

*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

**10. WTO SPS Committee: Information on the upcoming WTO SPS Committee on 11-13 March 2026**

*– Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

**11. Any other business (AOB)**

**a) Animal health situation in the areas not under the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus**

*– Information from Cyprus*

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