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Subject: Working Party on International Environment Issues (Int.
Chemicals/Synergies)

Date: 14 February 2023

Time: 10:00

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Synergies

1. Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG 1.2) on a Science-Policy Panel to Contribute Further to the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste and to Prevent Pollution (Bangkok, Thailand, 30 January - 3 February 2023)
 - a) Outcome
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
 - b) WHO engagement
= *Information from the Commission*

2. Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) and the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste Beyond 2020 (SMCW) - Preparation of IP4.2
 - a) Outcome of informal EU expert meeting on financial considerations & capacity building
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
 - b) Draft EU and its Member States Lines to take
= *Discussion*
 - c) Draft Practical arrangements
= *Discussion*
 - d) Code of conduct chemicals management
= *Information from the Commission and discussion*
 - e) Practical and logistical preparations
= *Information from the Presidency*
3. Preparation of the Conference of Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (Geneva, Switzerland, 1-12 May 2023)
 - a) Joint Bureaux Meeting (18-19 January 2023)
= *Information from the Presidency*
 - b) Letter from BRS on surpluses and possible options for using surpluses to fund core activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*

International chemicals

4. Rotterdam Convention
 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade as regards certain amendments to the Convention and its Annex III
= *Presentation by the Commission*
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5. Stockholm Convention
 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants as regards the proposals for amendment of Annex A to that Convention
= *Presentation by the Commission*
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6. Minamata Convention

- a) Review of the draft documents developed by the Open-ended Scientific Group to inform the effectiveness evaluation
= *Information from the Presidency*
- b) Mercury waste, face-to-face meeting (16-18 February) of the mercury waste expert group
= *Information from the Commission*
- c) Mercury releases, draft guidance on BAT and best environmental practices (BEP) to control releases of mercury to land and water from relevant sources developed by the group of technical experts under the Minamata Convention
= *Information from the Commission*
- d) Annexes A and B, African proposal
= *Information from the Commission*

7. Any other business

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