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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Whaling)
Date:	27 February 2026
Time:	10:00
Venue:	Videoconference

1. Presidency work programme
 - Presentation by the Presidency
2. Updates on relevant past and future international meetings:
 - a) 9th Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS (Limassol, Cyprus, 18 - 21 November 2025)
 - b) 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS COP 15) (Campo Grande, Brazil, 23 - 29 March 2026)
 - Information from the Presidency
3. Preparations for the 70th meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC 70) (Hobart, Australia, 28 September - 2 October 2026)
 - a) Report from the Bureau
 - Information from the Bureau member
 - b) 70th session of the Scientific Committee (SC70) (Bled, Slovenia, 27 April - 8 May 2026)
 - Information from members

- c) Strategic Overview on Priorities and Expectations
 - Discussion
 - d) Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in relation to matters falling within its competence, at the next three meetings of the International Whaling
 - Information from the Commission on the state of play
 - e) Proposed texts by Australia in view of IWC70
 - i) Declaration to celebrate the Convention's 80th anniversary
 - ii) Code of Conduct
 - Information from the Presidency and discussion
 - f) Proposals for EU and its Member States resolutions
 - Exchange of information
4. Informal meeting with NGOs (virtual, 27 February 2026, at 12:00)
- Information from the Presidency
5. Any other business
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NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal.