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### COMMUNICATION

#### **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) (**morning only**)

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Date: 26 February 2024

Time: 10:00

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Venue: Videoconference

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1. Work under the Belgian Presidency
  - Presentation from the Presidency
2. Intersessional work within the IWC:
  - a) IWC Bureau meeting (2 October 2023)
    - Information from the Presidency and Bureau member
  - b) Call for comments regarding the Working Group on Operational Effectiveness paper on quorum
    - Information from the Presidency and WGOE members
3. Updates on relevant past and future events:
  - a) Bern III Conference on Cooperation among the Biodiversity-related Conventions for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal GBF (Bern, 23-25 January 2024)
    - Information from the Presidency and the Commission

- b) 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Migratory Species (Samarkand, 12-17 February 2024)
    - Information from the Presidency and the Commission
  - c) Upcoming meetings
    - Information from the Presidency
4. Preparations for the 69<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC 69) (Lima, 23-27 September 2024 - provisionally)
- a) Priorities & expectations
    - Discussion
  - b) Burden sharing
    - Information of the Presidency and discussion
  - c) Other issues for discussion at IWC 69
    - Exchange of information
5. Informal meeting with NGOs (virtual, 26 February 2024, at 15:00)
- Information from the Presidency
6. Any other business
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