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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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

Date: 5 March 2025

Time: 10:00

Venue: COUNCIL

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Synergies

1. Preparation of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel (COP-17), Rotterdam (COP-12) and Stockholm Conventions (COP-12) (Geneva, Switzerland, 28 April-9 May 2025)
 - a) Upcoming meetings of the BRS COPs
= *Information from Mr Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary, BRS Conventions and discussion*
 - b) Draft EU and its Member States position paper on the Joint Issues
= *Information from the Presidency and the Commission and discussion*

International Chemicals

2. Rotterdam Convention

- a) Draft Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the Conference of the Parties as regards amendments to Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
- b) Draft EU and its Member States position paper for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
= *Information from the Commission and discussion*
- c) Proposal from Kazakhstan to amend the rules of procedure of the Rotterdam Convention to be considered at COP-12
= *Information from the Presidency and the Commission and discussion*
- e) Elections at the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*

3. Stockholm Convention

- a) Draft Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants as regards the requests for extension of specific exemptions and the proposals for amendment of Annex A to that Convention
= *Information from the Commission and the Presidency and discussion*
- b) Draft EU and its Member States position paper for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
= *Information from the Commission and discussion*
- c) Elections at the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*

4. Minamata Convention

- a) The state-of-play on intersessional work
= *Information from the Commission*
- b) Preparation for Minamata COP-6 (Geneva, Switzerland, 3-7 November 2025)
= *Information from the Commission and discussion*

Synergies

5. Preparation for the next meeting to establish a science-policy panel (SPP) to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution (Punta del Este, Uruguay, 14-20 June 2025)
 - a) Road to OEWG3.2 – outcomes of the online Bureau meeting (18 February 2025)
= *Information from the Presidency, the NL delegation and discussion*
 - b) Outcome from outreach activities
= *Information from the Presidency and the Commission and discussion*
 - c) Draft EU and its Member States positions
= *Information from the Presidency (including on outcomes from the informal expert groups) and discussion*
6. Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste
 - a) Summary from the fourth meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Group on Measurability and Indicators (GFC OEAHGMI)
= *Information from the Presidency and the Commission*
 - b) Summary from the IOMC Workshop on Economic and Industry Sector Implementation Programme
= *Information from the Presidency and the Commission*
7. Any other business

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