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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Contact:	hdg@consilium.europa.eu
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Subject:	Meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
Date:	30 and 31 March 2023
Time:	14:30, 09:30
Venue:	COUNCIL EUROPA BUILDING Rue de la Loi 167, 1048 BRUSSELS

Format 2+2

Afternoon 30 March 14.30 – 18.30

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. **The 66th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (Vienna, 13-17 March 2023)¹ (*)**
 - a) Presentations by the Chair of the Commission of Narcotic Drugs and Chief of the Secretariat to the Governing Bodies of the UNODC on:
 - i. Outcome of the 66th session of the CND
 - ii. Preparations for the mid-term review of international drug policy commitments
 - iii. General observations and reflections on the way forward
 - iv. Discussion
 - b) Report from the 66th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs by the Presidency, the EEAS and the Commission, and discussion on the way ahead
 - c) Information and exchange of views about the CND elections
3. **Commission on Narcotic Drugs and International Narcotics Control Board-related matters and drug-related topics in other UN Bodies (*)**
 - a) UN Human Rights Council: resolution on Contribution to the implementation of the joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem with regards to human rights
 - b) INCB reporting requirements for cannabis and cannabis-related substances
4. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Drugs Agency**
 - State of play and debrief from the second political trilogue

31 March, 9.30-16.00

5. **Information on the National Drug Coordinators' meeting (to be held in Malmö, Sweden, 2-4 May 2023) (*)**

¹ EMCDDA and Europol are invited to participate in the items marked with an (*).

6. **Fourth Thematic Debate on Gender and Drugs: Gender-based violence and drugs(*)**
- a) Introduction
 - b) Presentation by UNODC of the Technical guide for the work with gender-based violence among women who use drugs
 - c) Presentation of results from the Interleave project
 - d) National presentations by SE and CZ
 - e) Discussion
- ST 7269/23
7. **Dialogues with third countries (*)**
- 1. Report from the EU/Brazil expert meeting (16 March 2023)
 - 2. Preparations for the EU-Western Balkans dialogue, 25 May 2023
WK 2464/23
 - 3. Preparation of the Technical Committee of the EU-CELAC mechanism (14 June 2023) and the future High-Level Meeting
WK 3412/2023, WK 3414/2023, WK 3415/2023 (documents to be issued)
 - 4. Further follow-up to the EU-U.S. Dialogue on Drugs
8. **Presentation of drug-related issues addressed in other preparatory bodies of the Council and other relevant meetings (*)**
9. **Any other business**
- Information by the Commission on the Commissioner's Johansson recent visits relating to drug policy
 - Information by the Commission of its Communication on a comprehensive approach to mental health
 - Information by Estonia of their intention to add a new substance to the list of narcotic and psychotropic substances
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