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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Meeting of the Law of the Sea Working Party

Date: 19 April 2023
Time: 10:00
Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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I. The Presidency would like to propose the following agenda for the next COMAR meeting to be held on 19 April 2023.

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Case No. 31 - Request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (Request for Advisory Opinion submitted to the Tribunal)

– Presentation of Commission non paper, exchange of views

3. The Draft agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

(Presentation by the Presidency and the Commission, exchange of views)

- a) Report from the open-ended informal working group meeting 4-6 April
- b) Report from meeting with likeminded 13 April
- c) Preparations for the continued open-ended informal working group discussions
- d) Process for formal adoption
- e) Preparation for signature and ratification

4. Streamlining of the Omnibus resolution “Oceans and the law of the Sea” - Preparation for the meetings of 9th and 16th of May

- a) Report from TEG meeting 14 April
- b) Preparation for virtual UN meetings 9 May, 16 May, 30 May, 26 June and 27 June

5. UN Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea

- Preparation for the meeting, 5-9 June

6. International Seabed authority

- Report from the 28th session of the Council of the International Seabed Authority (First part)

7. A.O.B.

- a) UNGA Draft Resolution - Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the obligations of States in respect of climate change

Delegations are kindly invited to indicate in advance if they wish to address specific topics under this item and, if needed, to provide background information to allow for an informed exchange.

- II. Delegates needing a day badge to attend the meeting are invited to send their names by e-mail to the General Secretariat, addressed to **DELETED** (comar@consilium.europa.eu) **before Monday, 17 April 2023 at noon.**