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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: 22 April 2026
Time: 10:00
Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

The Presidency would like to propose the following agenda for the next COMAR meeting on 22 April, 2026.

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **The 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**
 - a. Debrief and assessment of results of PrepCom III and next steps
 - b. Draft Hamilton Declaration II on Collaboration for the Conservation of the Sargasso Sea (United Kingdom's NV, 13 February 2026) (WK 3542/2026 INIT and WK 5525/2026 INIT)

- c. Türkiye's Declaration upon ratification of the BBNJ Agreement (WK 1475/26 and WK 3798/2026 INIT)

3. Draft Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for agreements between the Union and with Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Vanuatu and Barbados on cooperation to prevent the illegal operations by vessels in the “shadow fleet” and model agreement

- a. Follow up on VTC RELEX/COMAR/COJUR of 15 April
- b. Discussion on revised text proposed by EEAS (WK 4544/2026 REV 2)

4. A.O.B

- a. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction** - *Information by Presidency on WPE meeting of 21 April*
- b. **Draft resolution on the ICJ Advisory Opinion on the Obligation of States in respect of Climate Change** – *Information by Presidency*
- c. **UN Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea** - *Information by COM on preparatory meeting of 18 March*
- d. **ISA Council Meeting** (Thirty-first session, Council session, part I, Kingston, 9-19 March 2026) – *Information by participant MS*
- e. **ITLOS elections** (June 2026) - *Information by NL on candidacy of Prof. dr. Liesbeth Lijnzaad*

- I. The meeting will take place in the following venue: **Justus Lipsius**.
- II. Delegates needing a day badge to attend the meeting are invited to send their names by e-mail to COMAR Secretariat (comar@consilium.europa.eu) **before 20 April 2026, noon**.