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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Contact:	comar@consilium.europa.eu
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Subject:	Meeting of the Law of the Sea Working Party
Date:	22 April 2024
Time:	10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

I. The Presidency would like to propose the following agenda for the next COMAR meeting to be held on 22 April 2024.

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Sea Level Rise:

- a) *“The legal consequences of sea level rise induced by climate change – a current state of affairs”* by Dr. Anemoon Soete, Post-doc researcher at the University of Ghent followed by a discussion/ exchange of views.
- b) High level event in September: update / exchange of views.

3. **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 (BBNJ).**
 - a) Ratification:
 - EU/MS timeline for ratification – Conclusion (update on the final steps);
 - Exchange of information on EU support to third countries on the BBNJ ratification and implementation.
 - b) PrepCom: Update – next steps.
 4. **International Seabed Authority:**
 - a) Presidency's report on the 1st Council meeting (18th – 29th of March 2024) of the 29th ISA session.
 - b) Information on the EU's contribution to ISA's budget.
 5. **Meeting of the State Parties to UNCLOS (10th – 14th of June 2024):** General information and next steps in the preparation.
 6. **Omnibus resolution on Oceans and on the Law of the Sea:** Update.
 7. **Climate Change** (ICJ – ITLOS – ECHR): Update and discussion.
 8. **A.O.B.**
 - a) UN Ocean Conference;
 - b) Our Ocean Conference.
- II. The meeting will take place in the JL building, meeting room 20.8.
- III. 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 noon on Thursday, 18 April 2024.**
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