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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA)

Date: 25 April 2023

Time: 14:30

Venue: COUNCIL

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1. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Budget Line 07 20 03 01 – Social Security)

Presentation by the Commission and examination by the EFTA Working Party with a view to finding an agreement.

2. 56TH SESSION OF THE EEA COUNCIL

Draft EEA Council Conclusions

The EFTA Working Party will hold a second discussion on the draft conclusions to be adopted by the 56th EEA Council meeting.

3. PRINCIPALITY OF ANDORRA, PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO AND REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

Negotiations on Association Agreement(s) with Andorra, Monaco and San Marino

The Commission will debrief the EFTA Working Party on the last round of negotiations with the three states.

4. SWISS CONFEDERATION

EU-Switzerland relations

The Commission will debrief the EFTA Working Party on the ninth round of exploratory talks with Switzerland held on 20 April 2023.

The EEAS will update on EU – Switzerland foreign policy relations.

5. AOB

The EEAS will provide an update on EU-Norway and EU-Iceland foreign policy relations.

NB: Delegations are asked to submit their requests for "other business" items to the General Secretariat, efta@consilium.europa.eu, in writing by **Monday, 24 April 2023, 12.00 (noon)**.