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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:	13 May 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 13 May, 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. Report of the Preparatory Commission (4 May 2026) (WK 6367/2026 INIT)
Initial exchange of views and next steps/planning

b. Outreach

c. 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)

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

e. Update on MS ratifications ahead of CoP 1

f. Interim CHM Notifications

3. **Draft Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for agreements between the Union and Barbados, Cameroon, Sierra Leone and Vanuatu on cooperation to counter and prevent illegal operations by vessels in the "shadow fleet"**
- *Presidency compromise draft* (WK 6221/2026 INIT)

4. **A.O.B**

a. **European Parliament Resolution of 28 April 2026 on the role of ocean diplomacy for the competitiveness of EU fisheries and aquaculture** (2025/2054(INI)) (WK 6320/2026 INIT)

b. **United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, Meeting of State-Parties** (Thirty-sixth meeting, New York, 15-19 June 2026) – *planning*

c. **UN Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea** (Twenty-sixth meeting: "Marine ecosystem restoration", New York, 22 to 26 June 2026) **-** *planning*

d. **Draft resolution on the ICJ Advisory Opinion on the Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change**

e. **Zero Draft UN Declaration on Sea Level Rise** (WK 6578/2026 INIT)

f. **2026 Oceans and Law of the Sea Resolution**

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 11 May 2026, noon.**