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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Working Party on International Environment Issues (UNECE Aarhus)
Date:	2 June 2025
Time:	10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus)

1. Information by European Environment Bureau (EEB) and ClientEarth
 - *Discussion*
2. Preparation for the 29th meeting of the Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (2-4 July 2025, Geneva, Switzerland) and for the Eight session of the Meeting of the Parties in 2025 (17-19 November 2025)
 - a) Organisation of work
 - *Information by the Presidency and the incoming Danish Presidency*
 - b) State of play on EU compliance cases
 - *Information by the Commission and discussion*
 - c) State of play on EU's 2025 Report on the implementation of the Aarhus Convention (2021-2025)
 - *Information by the Commission*

- d) Preparation and possible finalisation of EU + MS positions and statements
- I. Draft Declaration for the High level segment of the Aarhus Convention MoP 8 and PRTR Protocol MoPP 5 (20 November 2025)
- *Information by the Presidency and discussion*
- II. Documents for WGP-29 submitted for comments by the Aarhus Convention Secretariat
- i. *Provisional Agenda for the twenty-ninth meeting;*
 - ii. *Draft decision VIII/1 on promoting effective access to information;*
 - iii. *Report of the Task Force on Public Participation in Decision-making on its eleventh meeting;*
 - iv. *Draft decision VIII/2 on promoting effective public participation in decision-making;*
 - v. *Draft decision VIII/3 on promoting effective access to justice;*
 - vi. *Draft decision VIII/7 on reporting requirements;*
 - vii. *Draft decision VIII/4 on promoting the application of the principles of the Convention in international forums;*
 - viii. *Draft provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties;*
 - ix. *Draft decision on the work programme for 2026–2029;*
 - x. *Draft decision on financial arrangements under the Convention;*
- *Information by the Presidency and discussion*
- III. Election of Members of the Compliance Committee and the Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders
- *Information by the Presidency and discussion*

3. Any other business

NB 1: Delegations are reminded to register their presence in the Delegates Portal.

NB 2: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal. Room attendants will provide copies on request at the earliest opportunity.