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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Working Party on International Environment Issues (Global)
Date:	23 October 2026
Time:	10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Global Water issues
 - 1.1 2026 UN Water Conference (Abu Dhabi, UAE, 8-10 December 2026)
 - a) Information on the latest developments
 - b) EU Village / Pavilion
 - c) EU+MS LTTs
 - d) UAE resolution “Establishment of the Periodicity of UN Water Conferences”.
 - 1.2 2028 UN Water Conference
 - a) Modalities resolution
 - b) Latest developments
 - 1.3 Workshop on 22 October 2026
- = *Information from the Presidency and the Commission and EU co-chairs, followed by discussion*

2. Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC)
 - 2.1 Debriefing on INC related meetings
 - a) Second in-person meeting of INC HoDs Bangkok 26-30 September 2026
 - b) INC Bureau meetings
 - c) Small group meeting Jakarta 13-15 October 2026
 - 2.2 Strategic Discussion on next steps for INC Process
- = *Information from the Presidency, the Commission and EU Bureau member, followed by discussion*
3. UNEP/UNEA
 - 3.1 Debriefing on recent meetings of UNEP governing bodies, upcoming meetings, and other related issues
 - a) Recent meetings
 - 175th meeting of the CPR (16 September 2026)
 - CPR Subcommittee meeting (24 September 2026)
 - Secretariat briefing on UNEP's Freshwater Priority Actions 2026–2029 (29 September 2026)
 - CPR Subcommittee meeting (8 October 2026)
 - CPR Subcommittee meeting (15 October 2026)
 - b) Upcoming meetings
 - CPR Sub-committee meetings (3, 5, 12 November 2026)
 - Joint meeting of the Bureaux of UNEA-8 and the CPR (5 November 2026)
 - 176th meeting of the CPR (23 November 2026)
- = *Information from the EU Delegation in Nairobi, the Presidency, the Commission and EU Bureau members, followed by discussion*
- 3.2 EU+MS preparations for UNEA-8: Preliminary discussion and preparations for UNEP/UNEA Workshop (25 November 2026)
- = *Information from the Presidency, the Commission and the EU Delegation in Nairobi, followed by discussion*
4. Any other business

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