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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Contact:	WPIEI-Desertification@consilium.europa.eu
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Subject:	Informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (WPIEI Desertification)
Date:	20 October 2023
Time:	10:00
Venue:	Videoconference

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. CRIC-related matters

- a) Presentation by a representative of the UNCCD CSO Panel on their expectations for CRIC 21
- b) Update on the Sammarkand declaration and the high-level event on Sand and Dust Storms – draft text and EU internal approval procedure
- c) Update by the Presidency on the Gender Caucus
- d) Update by the Presidency on logistics and coordination for CRIC 21
- e) Presentation of the revised draft EU positions and statements for CRIC 21, followed by discussions among Member States

3. **Possible Declaration of the EU as an affected Party under the UNCCD**
 - a) Information from the Council Legal Service
 - b) Presentation by the Commission
4. **Economics of Land Degradation (ELD) Initiative - information by Germany**
5. **CST matters - update by the Presidency**
6. **UNCCD Intergovernmental Working Groups**
 - a) Update on the Intergovernmental Working Group on Drought
 - b) Update on the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Midterm Evaluation
7. **AOB**

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