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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 - Desertification
Date:	14 October 2021
Time:	15.00
Venue:	Videoconference

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Debriefing by the UNCCD secretariat**
 - Update on the G20 Initiative on Terrestrial Ecosystems
 - Update on collaboration with the other two Rio Conventions
 - Announcement of the Global Symposium on Salt-affected Soils
- 3. Preparatory Process on the EU Positions for the 2nd Extraordinary Session of the UNCCD COP**
 - Presentation by the Informal Group of the EU Representatives
 - Debrief by the COP Bureau Member
- 4. Debriefing by the European Commission**
 - Presentation of the European Commission's EU Soil Observatory (EUSO)
 - IWG debrief
- 5. Sustainable Management of Forest Soils in View of Different Policies (e.g. AFOLU UNFCCC, EU LULUCF & Fit for 55, New EU Forest Strategy)**
 - Presentation by a representative from the Slovenian Forestry Institute

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- Information on the EU Expert Group on Soil Protection on the exchange of views on the upcoming EU Soil Strategy
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NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal.

NB: Delegations are kindly invited to inform the Council secretariat

(WPIEI-desertification@consilium.europa.eu) by 12:00 on 11 October 2021 of the names of the participants.