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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party on International Environment Issues (UNECE Aarhus)

Date: 7 November 2025

Time: 10:00

Venue: COUNCIL

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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 nominees for the Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders under the Aarhus Convention
 - *Presentation by Mr. Michel Forst*
 - *Presentation by Ms. Olesea Plotnic*

2. Preparation for the Eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (MOP 8) (17-19 November 2025, Geneva, Switzerland)
 - a) Organisation of work
 - *Information by the Presidency*

 - b) Draft Practical Arrangements
 - *Information by the Presidency and discussion*

- c) Election of Members of the Compliance Committee, the Bureau and the Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders
 - *Information by the Presidency and Commission and discussion*
 - d) Preparation of EU + MS positions and statements covering agenda items 9(c), 9(b), 7(b)(ii), 2 and 7(b)(i)
 - *Information by the Presidency and Commission and discussion*
 - e) State of play on individual compliance cases
 - *Information by the Presidency, Commission and Member States and discussion*
 - f) Report on outreach activities
 - *Information by the Presidency and Commission and discussion*
3. Joint High-Level Segment under the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention and its Protocol on PRTRs (20 November 2025)
- a) Organisation of work
 - *Information by the Presidency*
 - b) Draft Practical Arrangements
 - *Information by the Presidency and discussion*
 - c) Draft Declaration for the Joint High-Level Segment of the Aarhus Convention MOP 8 and PRTR Protocol MOPP 5 (20 November 2025)
 - i. State of play
 - *Information by the Presidency and Commission and discussion*
 - ii. Preparation of EU + MS position and statement
 - *Information by the Presidency and Commission and discussion*

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.