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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Contact:	coaf@consilium.europa.eu
Tel./Fax:	+32 2 281 7853
Subject:	Africa Working Party
Date:	10 November 2023
Time:	09:00
Venue:	COUNCIL EUROPA BUILDING Rue de la Loi 167, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. INTCEN update on Sahel [CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL]*
3. EU-AU Ministerial
4. EPF Somalia**
5. AOB

* Item 2 (INTCEN update on Sahel) of this meeting will cover classified information at the level: "CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL".

In accordance with the Council's Security Rules, all delegates present at the discussion of such items must have a valid Personnel Security Clearance (PSC) at the minimum level "CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL" to access to the meeting room when the point will be discussed.

Delegates should note that in accordance with the Council's Security Rules, only persons with a valid PSC and a need-to-know may be admitted to meetings where classified information is to be discussed.

Delegations are requested to forward their participant by midday on Tuesday 7 November, COB, to coaf@consilium.europa.eu to allow the Safety and Security Directorate to ensure that all the participants have a valid PSC for the meeting.

Please send the following details for the delegate taking part in the discussion:

- Last name(s), First name,
- Nationality,
- Date of birth
- The name of the organisation/institution sending them to the meeting.

Based on this information, if the Safety and Security Directorate has no information about the PSC of the delegates, we will inform you and your National Security Authority or other competent national authority or your organisation's security officer will have to send a valid PSC certificate at the attention of the Security Clearance Team -> Email: security.clearances@consilium.europa.eu

1. Please note that certificates sent by the delegates themselves will not be accepted.
2. Please indicate the reference of the meeting in the subject for a quicker treatment.
3. Note that they will record the PSC and you will not have to send it for the next enrolment for a classified meeting as it will be kept until the expiration date.
4. It is in the interest of the participants to ensure that their personnel security clearance has not expired.

No admission to the discussion of a classified item will be granted to delegates for whose the GSC Safety and Security Directorate has no record of their PSC or who cannot present a valid, original personnel security clearance certificate for accessing to EU classified information issued by their National Security Authorities or by other competent national authorities or their organisation's security officer.

During the discussion of CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL items, all electronic devices must be switched off. If they cannot be easily deactivated, they may not be kept in the meeting room.

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**** PMG delegates are invited to join the discussion on these agenda items**