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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Working Party on Commodities
Subject:	Working Party on Commodities (PROBA) on 19 March 2025 - Draft annotated agenda

In view of the Working Party on Commodities (PROBA) on 19 March 2025, delegations will find attached the draft annotated agenda.



Annotated agenda

Working Party on Commodities (PROBA)

(Wednesday 19 March 2025, 10:00)

1. Adoption of the Agenda [10:00 – 10:05]

2. Non-ferrous metals [10:05 – 11:30]

Presentation of the Non-Ferrous Metal Study Group by the Secretary General of the NFMSG

The Secretary General of the Non-Ferrous Metal Study Group will present the NFMSG activities, the role of base metals for industry, green and the close circle economy. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

An internal EU discussion will follow.

Documents: WK (to be circulated)

3. Coffee [11:30-11:50]

Debrief on the 62nd Finance and Administration Committee, 3 March 2025

Preparation of the 139th ICO Council, 27 March 2025

The Commission will debrief on the 62nd Finance and Administration Committee held on 3 March, inform about the preparation of the 139th ICO Council scheduled on 27 March and present the EU position.

Delegates will have the opportunity to request further clarifications and to comment.

Documents: WK 1913 2025 INIT, WK 1662 2025 INIT, WK (to be circulated)



4. Cotton [11:50 – 12:10]

Debrief on the 583rd Standing Committee Meeting, 12 March 2025

The Commission will debrief delegates on the 583rd Standing Committee Meeting held on 12 March.

Delegates will have the opportunity to request further clarifications and to comment.

Documents: WK 2736 2025 INIT, WK 3072 2025 + ADD 1

5. Cocoa [12:10 – 12:30]

Preparation of the ICCO Council meetings, 7-11 April 2025

The Commission will inform delegates of the preparation of the ICCO Council meetings scheduled on 7-11 April and present the EU position.

Delegates will have the opportunity to request further clarifications and to comment.

Documents: WK 2673 2025 INIT, WK 3361 2025 INIT, WK (to be circulated)

6. Tropical timber [14:30 – 14:50]

Debrief on the ITTO 2029 workshop

The Commission will present the outcome of the workshop related to renegotiation of the International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA) which took place on 11 March.

Debrief on the 1st ITTO Preparatory Working Group

The Commission will present the outcome of the 1st meeting of the ITTO PWG which took place on 13 March.

Delegates will have the opportunity to discuss and exchange views.

Documents: n/a



7. Rubber [14:50 – 15:30]

State-of-play of the situation in the IRSG

The Commission will present the state-of-play of the situation in the International Rubber Study Group.

Delegates will have the opportunity to request further clarifications and to comment.

Documents: tbc

8. Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) [15:30 – 15:45]

The SE delegate will inform delegates on the state of preparation for the Executive Board meeting, scheduled for 9 April 2025.

Delegates will have the opportunity to request further clarifications and to comment.

Documents: n/a

9. Sugar [15:45 – 16:20]

Presentation of a Commission's proposal on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU at the next working group meeting and/or Council Session of the International Sugar Council

Commission's presentation on the benefits and challenges of ISA membership for the EU

The Commission will consult PROBA on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU position at upcoming ISO meeting, regarding the selection process for the position of Executive Director of the International Sugar Organization.

The Commission will also give a presentation on the benefits and challenges of ISA membership for the EU, followed by an exchange of view.

Documents: WK 2703 2025 INIT



10. Olive oil [16:20 – 16:40]

Presentation of the review of the IOC agreement (broader than art 36)

The Commission will give a presentation on the possible review of the IOC agreement.

Delegates will have the opportunity to request further clarifications and to comment.

Documents: n/a

11. AOB [16:30 – 16:40]

Delegations who wish to raise an issue under AOB should notify the Presidency by email by 17:00 on Tuesday 18 March at the latest.