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Subject: Working Party on International Environment Issues
Date: Thursday, 31 January 2013 (10h00 - morning only)
Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Synergies (Rotterdam/Stockholm/Basel Conventions)

- 1. UNEP 27th Session of the Governing Council/GMEF
(Nairobi, Kenya, 18 - 22 February 2013)**
 - Draft Synergies Decision
 - = Finalisation of EU position / toolbox
- 2. Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel,
Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions**
 - a) Roadmap
 - b) Report from the Joint Bureaux meeting (13-14 December 2012)

- c) Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions:
 - i) Review of arrangements adopted pursuant to the synergies decisions
 - ii) Proposal for the organization of the secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
 - iii) Joint activities for the biennium 2014-2015
 - iv) Budget for joint activities and possible necessary amendments to the budget of the three conventions for the biennium 2014-2015
 - v) Outcome of the UNEP Executive Director's consultative process on financing options for chemicals and wastes
- = Preparation of EU position

3. Exchange of views with the Executive Secretary to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

- Organisation of work
- High level segment
- UNEP/FAO review of synergies process

4. Any other business

Relevant documents for the meeting will be circulated later
