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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Lithuanian Presidency - Chairing of a Working Party by another delegation, at the request of the Lithuanian Presidency

The Secretariat wishes to inform that Lithuania, as holder of the Presidency for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2013, has requested Ireland, in accordance with Article 20(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to chair one Working Party when this discusses certain topics within its remit, during this period, on behalf of the Lithuanian Presidency.

The list below sets out these chairing arrangements during the period from 1 July to 31 December 2013.

Working Party¹	Topics to be chaired by Ireland
International Environmental Issues (J.2)	<p>- 1 July - 30 September 2013: United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and its preparatory WPIEI meetings)</p> <p>- 1 July - 31 December 2013: Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Basel Convention) (WPIEI meetings, Basel COP11 follow-up)</p>

It is suggested that the Council agrees to these arrangements in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

¹ Cf. list of Council preparatory bodies in doc. 5269/12.