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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: Working Party on International Environment Issues

Date: Tuesday, 10 September 2013 (10h00)

Venue: COUNCIL

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**International Chemicals**

- 1. Follow-up to the UNEP-27th Session of the Governing Council: The country-led meeting to further develop Terms of Reference for the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level (Bangkok, 27-30 August 2013)**
  - a) Outcomes of the Bangkok meeting
    - Information from the Presidency and the Commission
  - b) Discussion on the way forward
  
- 2. Preparation for discussion with the UNEP Chemicals under the next agenda item**

**3. Recent development and outline for the work in the area of international chemicals during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2013**

- = Discussion with UNEP Secretariat representatives
- Information on the ongoing preparations for the Diplomatic Conference/Preparatory Meeting in Japan (substantive (incl. Draft Resolutions) and logistical issues)
  - Outcomes of the Bangkok meeting on TOR for the Special Programme and follow-up actions requested
  - Information on preparations for the November synergies meeting
  - Information on follow-up of the UNEP decision 27/12 (I) on the future work related to the Global Chemicals Outlook

**4. Preparations for the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the "Minamata Convention on Mercury" (Minamata and Kumamoto, Japan, 7-11 October 2013)**

- a) Discussion on Draft Resolutions and the EU position (GRID)
- b) Exchange of views on setting up and work of a group of technical experts on emissions

*A thought starter on how to work on Art. 8 (air emissions) in the interim period will be distributed*

- c) Outreach activities
  - Information from the Commission and the Presidency
- d) Organizational issues
  - i) Rules of procedure for the Conference of Plenipotentiaries and the Preparatory Meeting;
  - ii) Nomination of Bureau Members for Conference of Plenipotentiaries and nomination of emission experts.
    - Information from the Presidency

**5. Any other business**

*Relevant documents for the meeting will be circulated later*

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NB: Delegates requiring day badges to attend meetings should consult document 14387/1/12 REV 1 on how to obtain them.