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Subject: Working Party on International Environment Issues
Date: Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 February 2012 (10h00)
Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Global environmental aspects of sustainable development:

Wednesday, 8 February 2012:

10:00 am

1. 12th Special Session of UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (Nairobi, 20-22 February 2012)
 - a) GC/GMEF preparations (including CPR preparations and information on ministerial sessions)
 - Updated information by the Presidency and ES
 - b) Revised draft EU position papers: discussion
 - i. Draft UNEP GC decisions
 - = IEG (*lead: UK/BE*)
 - = World Environment situation (*lead: COM-EEA*)
 - = UNEP's work on SCP (*lead: BE/COM*)

- = Accountability and financial and administrative arrangements between the UN and MEAs, including Biennial programme of work and budget for 2012-2013 (*lead: FR*)
- = Enhanced coordination across the UN System, including EMG (*lead: FI*)
- = Financing options for chemicals and wastes (*prepared by WPIEI Chemicals - lead: DK/SE/COM*)
- = Chemicals and Waste management (*prepared by WPIEI Chemicals – lead: DK/SE/COM*)
- = Enhancing cooperation and coordination within the chemicals and wastes cluster (*prepared by WPIEI Chemicals - lead: DK/SE/COM*)
- ii. Other GC agenda items
 - = IPBES (*lead: UK/COM*)
 - = Water policy and strategy (*lead: HU*)
- iii. Ministerial sessions
 - = GEO and emerging issues (*lead: DE/COM-EEA*)
 - = Green economy (*lead: NL/COM*)
 - = IEG in "The future we want" (*lead: UK/BE*)

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4:00 pm

2. UNCSD 2012 (“Rio+20”)
 - a) Draft Council Conclusions
 - Second discussion

Thursday, 9 February 2012:

10:00 am

2. UNCSD 2012 (“Rio+20”) (*cont.*)
 - b) State of play (New York perspective)
 - Information from the NY HoM, Danish Ambassador Carsten Staur and discussion
 - c) Draft amendments to section III and V of the Zero Draft
 - First round of discussions
 - d) Budgetary and financial aspects of initiatives proposed in the zero draft
 - Mandate for the work of the joint subgroup – discussion

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Afternoon

- e) The report from the UNSG High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability
 - Information from the Finnish Sherpa, Ambassador Hannu Kyröläinen
- f) IFSD
 - Information by the lead countries on IFSD on the outcome of the lunchtime meetings of the informal IFSD sub-group and a first round of discussions on draft amendments to section IV of the Zero Draft
- g) (*poss.*) Draft Council conclusions
 - Third discussion

3. Any other business