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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid
Date: Friday, 9 March 2012, at **10:00 (all day)**
Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Response to crises:
 - = Information by the Commission and the Member States, Discussion
 - a. Yemen
 - b. Syria
 - c. Sahel (with an update on the Mali conflict)
 - d. Debrief on Commissioner mission to DRC

3. SAHEL - *Informal Item (12:00-13:00)*
 - = Discussion with UNICEF and WFP

4. Presentation by the Netherlands of its new Humanitarian Aid Strategy
 - = Exchange of views

5. Presentation of the DCI proposal - 18429/11
 - = Information from DG DEVCO

6. AOB
 - a. UNHCR Standing Committee - 13-15 March
 - = Information from the Commission and Member States
 - b. Questionnaire regarding humanitarian response policies and intervention strategies
 - = Information from DG ECHO
 - c. State of play of Council Conclusions for Agenda for Change
 - = Information from the Presidency
 - d. Debrief/information on recent humanitarian and other events
 - = Information by the Commission and the Member States

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