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Subject: Working Party on International Environment Issues

Date: 23 April 2012 (10h00)

Venue: COUNCIL

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International chemicals

1. Roadmap for the work in the chemicals area

- Update by the Presidency

2. Preparations for SAICM ICCM3 (Nairobi, Kenya, 17 - 21 September 2012)

- a) Quick Start Programme mid-term review (7th meeting of the QSP Executive Board, Geneva, 7-8 May 2012)
- b) Process for EU comments on new activities to the Global Plan of Action “Nanotechnologies and manufactured nanomaterials” and “Hazardous substances within the life cycle of the electrical electronic products”
- c) High-level segment and ministerial round-tables

3. Draft Council conclusions on SAICM and mercury

- Discussion

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4. Mercury – preparations for INC4 (Punta del Este, Uruguay, 27 June- 2 July 2012)

- a) Update on the work plan for the EU inter-sessional work
- b) Outcome of the inter-sessional work on financial resources and technical and implementation assistance (Budapest, Hungary, 11-13 April 2012)
 - Information and discussion of further work
- c) Outcome of the informal EU expert meeting (Brussels, 27-28 March 2012)
 - i) Supply and trade
 - ii) Waste, storage and contaminated sites
 - iii) Emissions
 - Discussion on the position and identification of further work
 - iv) Awareness-raising, research and monitoring, and communication of information
 - Discussion on the position
 - v) Legal group
 - Report back and identification of further work
- d) Outreach activities
 - Update by the Presidency/Commission
- e) Informal EU expert meeting (Copenhagen, 11 May 2012)
 - Update by the Presidency

5. Any other business

Documents for agenda items 2-4 will be distributed. Presidency intends to, where needed, formulate questions for discussions under item 4.

NB: To reduce costs, only documents produced in the week preceding the meeting will be available in the meeting room.