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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party on International Environment Issues - Desertification Experts

Date: Thursday, 7 June 2012 at 10:00 (all day)

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Report from COP-Bureau meeting
3. Mid Term Evaluation of the Strategy – progress and key issues
4. CST
 - Issues from the Bureau
 - Formation of Ad Hoc Advisory Group of Technical Experts
 - Possible linkages to IPBES
 - Scientific Conference

5. Global Mechanism
 - Status of transfer – IFAD MoU
 - Preparation of location analysis
 - EU position on way forward – incl. on GM strategy
 6. New UNCCD initiatives
 7. Rio+20 and UNCCD issues
 8. Any other business
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NB: To reduce costs, only documents produced in the week preceding the meeting will be available in the meeting room.