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NOTICE OF MEETING

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Subject: Meeting of the Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM)

Date: 18-19 July 2012

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

The Chair, under the authority of the High Representative, proposes the following agenda:

Wednesday, 18 July, 14:30-18:00

1. UN Human Rights Council
2. Third Committee, UNGA 67
3. Human Rights of Older Persons
4. Private Military and Security Companies

Thursday, 19 July, 09:00- 13:00

5. Review of the EU Human Rights Policy
6. Human Rights Dialogues and consultations
7. UN Human Rights Treaty Body strengthening process
8. Cyber security and digital freedom

Thursday, 19 July, 14:45- 17:00

9. UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD)

AOB:

- a) Debriefing on the Annual meeting on the implementation of UNSCR 1325 and the Annual meeting of the Human Rights Advisers and Gender Advisers in CSDP missions and operation
- b) EU Guidelines on International Humanitarian Law
- c) International workshop on enhancing cooperation between UN and regional mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights (Geneva, 3-5 September)
- d) Report on the 6th meeting of the Implementation Joint Expert Group (IJEG) on the Partnership on Democratic Governance and Human Rights (in the framework of the Joint Africa-EU Strategy) and on the joint EU/AU joint workshop on the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, 5-7 June, Geneva.

Additional Meetings

- **Task Force on Freedom of Religion or Belief:** Discussion of outline of EU Guidelines on Freedom of Religion or Belief (chair: Jean-Bernard Bolvin; 19 July, 13h15 – 14h30, JL Building)

- **Exchange of views with the troika of the Human Rights and Democracy Network as well with HRW and FIDH** (Wednesday, 18 July, from 12h15 till 14h30, during working lunch in the Charlemagne building - first floor, Salon Rouge). One person per delegation is invited to participate.

N.B.: Delegations are kindly requested to confirm their participation to COHOM Secretariat (secretariat.cohom@consilium.europa.eu).