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Subject: Working Party on International Environment Issues

Date: Monday, 17 September 2012 (10h00 - **morning only**)

Venue: COUNCIL

**LEX BUILDING**

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**PRTR Protocol to the Aarhus Convention**

1. Presentation of the work programme under the Cyprus Presidency
  
2. Preparation of the Second Meeting of the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs) to the Aarhus Convention (Geneva, 20-21 November 2012)
  - (a) Status of ratification of the PRTRs Protocol (WGP agenda item 2)
  
  - (b) Designation of National Focal Points (WGP agenda item 3)

- (c) Promotion and capacity-building (WGP agenda item 4)
  - i) Coordination mechanisms
  - ii) Synergies with UNECE MEAs and other partners
  - iii) Global promotion of the Protocol
  - iv) Sub-regional workshops
  - v) PRTR cost model to support implementation of the Protocol
  - vi) Provision of technical assistance
  - vii) Communication strategy, electronic tools and publications
  - viii) Other relevant activities
- (d) Compliance Committee and reporting mechanism (WGP agenda item 5)
- (e) Implementation of the current work programme for the Protocol (WGP agenda item 6)
- (f) Financial matters (WGP agenda item 7)
- (g) Second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (WGP agenda item 8)
- (h) Calendar of meetings (WGP agenda item 9)

3. Any other business

*Relevant documents on the above items can be found and downloaded at the following UNECE website: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=28225>*

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