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#### NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party on Plant Health (Roosendaal Group)

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Date: 21 November 2016  
Time: 10.00  
Venue: COUNCIL  
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING  
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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1. Report on issues of interest for the Roosendaal Group:
  - a) Overview of the WTO<sup>1</sup>/SPS<sup>2</sup> agreements and procedures
    - Information by the Commission and exchange of views
2. Operational themes: Free Trade Agreement (FTAs) and bilateral negotiations
  - a) Chile: meeting of the EU-Chile Joint Management Committee on SPS Measures on 8 and 9 November 2016 in Santiago de Chile
    - Debriefing by the Commission on the outcome of the meeting and exchange of views on the next steps

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<sup>1</sup> World Trade Organization  
<sup>2</sup> Sanitary and phytosanitary

- b) Colombia and Peru: meeting of the SPS Sub-Committee on 5 and 6 December 2016 (or on 6 and 7 December 2016 t.b.c.) in Brussels
  - Preparation of the meeting
- c) Central America: EU- Central America Association Agreement
  - Exchange of information on Member States' export interests to Central America
- d) India: meeting of the EU-India Joint Working Group on SPS-TBT<sup>3</sup> on 11 November 2016 in Brussels
  - Debriefing by the Commission on the outcome of the meeting and exchange of views on the next steps
- e) USA: Plant Health technical Working Group - Work plan on apples and pears
  - Information by the Commission on the state of play and exchange of views

### 3. Strategic Themes

- a) Methylbromide alternative treatments
  - Exchange of views on the priorities (third countries/commodities/pests) and on possible further steps necessary to ensure acceptance of goods from the EU in third countries
- b) EFSA<sup>4</sup> pilot project on apples:
  - Information by the Commission on the state of play and the next steps and exchange of views

### 4. Any Other Business

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NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal. A limited stock of documents produced immediately prior to the meeting will be available in the meeting room. Room attendants will provide copies on request at the earliest opportunity.

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<sup>3</sup> Technical Barriers to Trade

<sup>4</sup> European Food Safety Authority