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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Working Party on International Environment Issues (UNECE Aarhus/PRTR)
Date:	3 July 2017
Time:	10.00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Aarhus Convention

1. Work programme and Roadmap under the Estonian Presidency (1 July – 31 December 2017)
 - Presentation
2. Preparation for the 6th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (MoP-6) (Budva, 11-13 September 2017)
 - Discussion
 - a) Compliance cases
 - i) Commission proposal for a Council Decision on the EU position to be adopted regarding ACCC case C-32
 - ii) Cases against EU Member States
 - iii) (poss.) Cases against other Members
 - b) Draft statements and amendments by the EU and its Member States to draft Decisions
 - i) Access to information (item 6a)*

- ii) Public participation in decision-making (item 6b)*
- iii) Access to justice (item 6c)*
- iv) Reporting mechanism (item 7a)*
- v) Compliance mechanism (item 7b)*
- vi) Promotion of the Convention's principles (item 8b)*
- vii) Implementation of the work programme for 2015–2017 (item 9a)
- viii) Future work programme 2018–2021 (item 9b)*
- ix) Financial arrangements (item 9c)*
- x) Election of officers and other members of the Bureau (item 11)
- xi) (poss.) Other MoP-6 agenda items

Joint Aarhus Convention/PRTR Protocol

3. Preparation for the Joint High-Level Segment of the Aarhus Convention and PRTR Protocol MoPs (Budva, 14 September 2017)
 - Discussion
 - a) Opening of the joint High-Level Segment (item 1)
 - b) Thematic session on the role of the Convention and its Protocol in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (item 3)
 - c) Budva Declaration on Environmental Democracy for Our Sustainable Future (item 4)

PRTR Protocol

4. Preparation for the 3rd session of the Meeting of the Parties to the PRTR Protocol (MoPP-3) (Budva, 15 September 2017)
 - Draft statements and amendments by the EU and its Member States to draft Decisions
 - = Discussion
 - a) Reporting mechanism (item 4a)*
 - b) Implementation of the work programme 2015 – 2017 (item 5a)
 - c) Progress in implementing the strategic plan for 2015-2020 (item 5b)
 - d) Future work programme 2018-2021 (item 5c)*
 - e) Financial arrangements (item 5d)*
 - f) Election of officers and other members of the Bureau (item 6)
5. Any other business

NB 1: WPE delegates are invited to attend the discussions under agenda item 2 a) i).

NB 2: The asterisk (*) indicates items where a draft MoP Decision has been tabled for adoption at the MoPs.

NB 3: An informal meeting with EEB representatives will be organized between 2:00 and 3:00 pm in the same meeting room.

NB 4: 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.