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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: Working Party on International Environment Issues  
(Joint Aarhus Convention and PRTR Protocol meeting)

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Date: 19 May 2014

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL  
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING  
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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**Aarhus Convention and Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR) to the Aarhus Convention**

1. Status of ratification of the Convention, the amendment to the Convention and the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers  
- Information from Member States
  
2. Preparations for the 18th Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (WGP 18) (Maastricht, 29 June 2014) and the 5th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (MOP 5) (Maastricht, 30 June-1 July 2014)
  - (a) Leadership for task forces and areas of work
  - (b) Outstanding draft MOP 5 decisions on:
    - (i) Compliance
    - (ii) Financial arrangements
    - (iii) Public participation in decision-making

- (iv) Promoting the application of the principles of the Convention in international forums
    - Discussion
  - (c) Maastricht Declaration
    - Discussion
  - (d) Election of officials and members
    - Compliance Committee
    - Bureau
  - (e) Organisational arrangements for MOP 5
    - Information by the NL delegation
  - (f) Other issues related to MOP 5
3. Preparations for the Joint High Level Segment of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (MOP 5) and to the PRTR Protocol (MOP 2) (Maastricht, 2 July 2014)
- (a) Information by the NL delegation on agenda and preparations
  - (b) Thematic session
    - (i) First Panel: Right to information and environmental democracy
    - (ii) Second Panel: Right to information and social media
4. Preparations for the 2nd session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs) (MOPP 2) (Maastricht, 3-4 July 2014)
- (a) Draft decision on financial arrangements
  - (b) Election of officials and members of the Bureau
  - (c) Other issues related to MOPP 2
5. Compliance of the Convention and the Protocol on the Crimea question
- Information by the Commission and the EEAS
6. Any other business

*Additional documents on the above items will be circulated in due course.*

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**NB1:** In the margins of the joint WPIEI Aarhus/WPIEI PRTR meeting, delegates are invited to an informal meeting with EU industry representatives, in particular ECPA (European Crop Protection Association), Europa Bio (European Association for Bio-industries), Crop Life International and Cefic (European Chemical Industry Council) on the implementation of the Aarhus Convention from **14h30 to 15h30** in the same meeting room.

**NB2:** 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.

**NB3:** Delegates requiring day badges to attend meetings should consult document [14387/1/12 REV 1](#) on how to obtain them.