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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party on International Environment Issues - Desertification

Date: 4 December 2015

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. UNCCD COP-12: debriefing and follow-up *

In particular the following COP-12 decisions will be discussed:

- Decision 3: Integration of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets into the implementation of the UNCCD and the IWG report on land degradation neutrality
- Decision 7: Intergovernmental Working Group on the future strategic framework of the Convention;
- Decision 8: Addressing particular regional and national conditions
- Decision 9: Leveraging synergies among the three “Rio conventions”

3. Presentation & Discussion of the Global Mechanism's future work **

4. AOB:

- Presentation of the FAO's Global Soil Partnership report on the 'Status of World Soil Resources' (cf. <http://www.fao.org/3/az930e>)
- Information on the World Soil Day (5 December)
- Incoming Presidency priorities and calendar of meetings
- Closing remarks by the Luxembourg Presidency

* *The provisional final report of the COP-12 (with decisions) is available under the following internet link: <http://www.unccd.int/Lists/OfficialDocuments/cop12/20add1eng.pdf>*

** *In the margins of the meeting, Mr. Markus Repnik, Managing Director of the Global Mechanism, will have an exchange of views with the Working Party on the future work of the Global Mechanism, including the Land Degradation Neutrality Fund.*

NB: Council documents are available on Extranet. 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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