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### **COMMUNICATION**

#### **NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject:	"Law of the Sea" Working Party Meeting
Date:	21 April 2016
Time:	10.00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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I. The Presidency would like to propose the following draft Agenda for the next COMAR meeting:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Development of an internationally legally-binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction
  - a) *Report of the Presidency and the Commission on the first session of the Preparatory Committee*
  - b) *Proposal of the United Kingdom for a decision of the representatives of the governments of the member states, meeting within the Council, authorizing the Presidency of the Council*

*to negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the elements of a draft text of an internationally legally-binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction*

*c) Rolling Position Paper of the EU and its Member States*

3. UN Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (ICP) (13-17 June 2016)
4. Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (20-24 June 2016)
5. Ad hoc Working Group on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (3-9 August 2016)
6. AOB

- II. The meeting will take place at the General Secretariat of the Council, rue de la Loi, 175, 1048 Brussels, and will start at **10:00 a.m. on 21 April 2016. This meeting will be followed on 22 April by a technical expert meeting.**
- III. Delegations are invited to send the name of their delegates by fax or e-mail to the General Secretariat, for the attention of Ms. Petra Mahnic or Ms. Alena Petrikovicova (fax nr 0032 2 281 9360) or e-mail (secretariat.COMAR@consilium.europa.eu) before **12:00 on Tuesday, 19 April 2016.**

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