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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party on Commodities, 16 October 2019

Date: 16 October 2019

Time: 14.30

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

10:00 Joint FORESTRY/PROBA meeting* (Europa building)

Tropical Timber

- Presentation by Gerhard Dieterle, ITTO Executive Director
- Strategic discussion

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14:30 PROBA meeting (JL building)

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Brainstorming on the International Commodity Bodies (ICBs)

Information about next steps (Presidency)

3. Cacao

- 39th Meeting of the Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy (Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 9 September 2019): debriefing
- 100th Regular Session of the International Cocoa Council and subsidiary bodies (Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 10-13 September 2019): debriefing

4. Coffee

 125th Session of the International Coffee Council and other ICO bodies (London, UK, 23-27 September 2019): debriefing

5. Cotton

- Standing Committee of the ICAC, (Washington DC, 19 September 2019): debriefing
- Update (Presidency and Commission Services) on preparation for the next Plenary Meeting of the ICAC (Brisbane, Australia, 2-6 December 2019), notably regarding the seat allocation scheme

6. Rubber

 Selection of a new Secretary-General for the International Rubber Study Group (IRSG): information (Presidency and Commission Services) and discussion

7. Non-ferrous metals

Non-Ferrous Metals Study Groups (NFMSG) Fall meetings (Lisbon, 21-25 October): Information (Commission Services) and preparation of EU position

8. Sugar

- 81st meeting of the Administrative Committee of the International Sugar Organization (11 October 2019, London, United Kingdom): debriefing
- Upcoming proposal for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations to amend the International Sugar Agreement 1992: discussion

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9. Grains

 Meeting of the Administrative Committee of the International Grains Council (22 October 2019, London, United Kingdom): preparation

10. Olive oil/table olives

- Revision of the Trade Standard Applying to Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils of the International Olive Council (IOC): preparation of EU position
- Revision of the IOC Guidelines on the Standard ISO 17025 on the accreditation of laboratories undertaking sensory analysis, in particular on virgin olive oil: preparation of EU comments
- Composition of EU delegations in IOC expert groups: discussion

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