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

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Subject: Working Party on International Environment Issues (Biodiversity)

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Date: 25 January 2018

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL  
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1. Roadmap for the work during the Bulgarian Presidency
  - Presentation by the Presidency
2. Reports by the Bureaux members (CBD, SBSTTA, IPBES)
3. CBD Notifications
  - Updated table
4. Outcomes from and follow-up to
  - a) 21st meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-21), (Montreal, 11-14 November 2017)
  - b) Tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8j-10), (Montreal, 13-16 November 2017)

- c) 37th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention), (Strasbourg, 5-8 December 2017)  
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  - d) Informal Advisory Group on Synergies among the biodiversity-related Conventions (Montreal, 17-18 December 2017)
    - Information by the Presidency and the Commission
5. Preparation of the sixth Plenary session of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES-6), (Medellin, 17-24 March 2018)
- a) Organisation of work
  - b) Development of EU position
6. Synthetic Biology and Digital Sequencing Information
- a) Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology (Montreal, 5-8 December 2017)
  - b) Informal expert meeting on Digital Sequencing Information (Brussels, 24 January 2018)
  - c) Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources (Montreal, 13-16 February 2018)
  - d) Interlinks with the work under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
    - Information by the Presidency and the Commission
7. Any other business
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