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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
Date:	24 October 2023
Time:	14:30
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

1.1 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex IV (Energy) to the EEA Agreement (EPBD: comparative methodology framework)

Presentation by the Commission and examination by the EFTA Working Party with a view to finding an agreement.

1.2 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XIII (Transport) to the EEA Agreement (EMSA Regulation)

Presentation by the Commission and examination by the EFTA Working Party with a view to finding an agreement.

1.3 Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XIII (Transport) to the EEA Agreement (Ship inspection)

Presentation by the Commission and examination by the EFTA Working Party with a view to finding an agreement.

2. 57TH SESSION OF THE EEA COUNCIL

Draft Conclusions of the EEA Council

The EFTA Working Party will examine the EEA EFTA States' comments on the draft conclusions of the 57th meeting of the EEA Council, with a view to finding an agreement on a compromise text to be transmitted to COREPER and Council for endorsement on 8 and 15 November respectively.

3. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

Negotiations on financial contributions of the EEA EFTA States to social and economic cohesion in the European Economic Area

The Commission will debrief the EFTA Working Party on the state of play of negotiations.

4. SWISS CONFEDERATION

4.1 Federal Elections

The EEAS will debrief the EFTA working Party on the outcome of Federal elections held on 22 October.

4.2 EU-Switzerland relations

The Commission will debrief the EFTA Working Party on the state of play of negotiations with Switzerland.

5. PRINCIPALITY OF ANDORRA AND REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

Negotiations on Association Agreement(s) with Andorra and San Marino

The Commission will debrief the EFTA Working Party on the state of play of negotiations with Andorra and San Marino, following the last round of negotiation in October.

6. AOB

NB: Delegations are asked to submit their requests for "other business" items to the General Secretariat, efta@consilium.europa.eu, in writing by **Monday, 23 October 2023, 12.00 (noon)**.