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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Contact:	hdg@consilium.europa.eu
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Subject:	Informal Videoconference of the members of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
Date:	29 October 2020
Time:	9.30
Venue:	Council VTC Platform

This virtual meeting will be held using the Council's video conferencing platform and will allow all participants to connect remotely. This means that every participant will connect from her/his computer, tablet or smartphone.

Each delegation is invited to inform the Council secretariat (hdg@consilium.europa.eu) by Monday 26 October 2020 at 12.00 (noon) of the names of the persons participating. The maximum number of persons per EU Member State's delegation connecting is 1+1 (1 connection for the capital and 1 connection for the Permanent Representation).

An information note on how to access the system and the meeting access codes will be sent separately to participants, upon confirmation of their participation. Delegations will find below the agenda of the meeting.

Format: 1 + 1

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Report from the virtual EU National Drug Coordinators meeting (14 October)
 - Video message by the Federal Drugs Commissioner, Ms Daniela Ludwig, member of the German Bundestag
3. Impact of COVID-19 on the drugs situation – Focus on “Consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on vulnerable groups and harm reduction services”
 - Video message by Naomi Burke-Shyne, Harm Reduction International
 - Exchange of views
4. EU Drugs Strategy 2021-2025
WK 11409/2020 (to be issued)
 - Presentation of the Presidency Note
 - Exchange of views
5. UNODC/CND
 - a) 2019 WHO recommendations on international scheduling of cannabis and cannabis-related substances
 - i. Report on the third topical meeting (WHO recommendation 5.1), Vienna, 6 October 2020 and the 2nd CND Intersessional, Vienna, 8 October 2020
WK 11252/2020
 - ii. Proposal for Council Decision on the position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, in the reconvened sixty-third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the scheduling of substances
ST 12016/20 + ADD 1
ST 12119/20 (to be issued)
 - Presentation by the Commission
 - Presentation of the Presidency Note and discussion
 - b) Report on the 3rd CND Intersessional Meeting, Vienna, 19-21 October 2020
WK 11427/2020 (to be issued)

- c) Preparations for the 64th meeting of the CND, Vienna, 12-16 April 2021
 - i. Information on the 43rd meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (Switzerland, 12-16 October 2020)
 - ii. Possible priorities, proposals for resolutions and side-events during the CND session

- 6. A.O.B.
 - a) Preparation for the EU-CELAC Technical Meeting (VC, 29 October 2020, 3 p.m.)
CM 4004/20 (to be issued)

 - b) Omnibus resolution on International cooperation to address and counter the world drug problem – Information by Germany

 - c) EU-China Dialogue on Drugs – Information by the Commission

NB: Council documents are available on Delegates' Portal.