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## **COMMUNICATION**

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

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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

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Delegations will find in Annex the revised version of the draft agenda for the Informal Videoconference of the members of the HDG.

## **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
      - 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

- 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
  
  - 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
  
  - d) Risk assessment on two new psychoactive substances - Information by the Commission  
ST 11962/20  
ST 12000/20
  
  - e) Joint meeting of the HDG and the CSFD (10 November 2020) - Presentation of the draft agenda by the Commission  
WK 11755/2020

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