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Subject:	Informal Videoconference of the members of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
Date:	24 November 2020
Time:	9.30
Venue:	Council VTC Platform

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Delegations will find in the 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. Impact of COVID-19 on the drugs situation – Focus on people who use drugs in Germany
  - Presentation by Dirk Schaeffer, Deutsche Aidshilfe (German AIDS Organisation)
  - Exchange of views
3. EU Drugs Strategy 2021 - 2025  
WK 11409/1/2020 REV 1
  - Presentation of the revised Presidency note
  - Exchange of views
4. UNODC/CND
  - a) 2019 WHO recommendations on international scheduling of cannabis and cannabis-related substances  
ST 12563/20
    - Report on recent developments
  - b) Preparations for the reconvened 63rd session of the CND, Vienna, 2-4 December 2020
    - Draft EU explanation of vote and draft press release regarding the international scheduling of cannabis and cannabis-related substancesWK 13027/2020 REV 1  
WK 13028/2020 REV 1
5. Preparation of the first EU-China Dialogue on Drugs  
ST 13415/19
  - Discussion on the draft agenda and on the draft annotated agendaWK 13031/2020  
WK 13032/2020
6. Annual Research Dialogue
  - Presentation by the Chair of the Scientific Committee of the EMCDDAWK 13303/2020  
WK 13035/2020
7. Presentation of the priorities by the incoming Portuguese Presidency

8. A.O.B.

- Preparation of the virtual EU-Russia Expert Meeting on Drugs, 25 November 2020 (10 a.m.)  
CM 4644/20
  - Preparation of the virtual Dublin Group meeting, 7 December 2020 (p.m.) - Information by the Romanian Presidency of the Dublin Group  
WK 13044/2020
  - EU-Mexico High-Level Meeting on Multilateral Themes (agenda point on drugs), 05 November 2020 – Report by the EEAS
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