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

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Subject: Informal VTC of the Members of the Horizontal Working Party on cyber issues (morning 10:00 - 13:00)

Horizontal Working Party on cyber issues (afternoon, 14:30)

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Date: 24 March 2021

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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Morning session starting at 10h00 (VTC)

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on measures for a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union, repealing Directive (EU) 2016/1148: read-through of Articles 18 to 23 followed by Q&A**
  - doc. 14150/20 and ADDs

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**3. EU Cyber Diplomacy Toolbox (*CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL*)**

- Continuation of the discussions from the HWPCI meeting of 22 March 2021 (poss.)  
doc. EEAS 10091/21 (*CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL*)
  
- Continuation of the discussions from the HWPCI meeting of 12 January 2021

**4. EU – Africa Cybersecurity: Presentation by INTCEN (*CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL*)**

**5. Annual review of the designations under restrictive measures: Presentation by the EEAS followed by discussion with a view to approval (*CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL*)**

**6. Draft EU Lines to Take in view of the seventh meeting of the UN IEG on cybercrime:**  
Presentation by the EEAS and Commission followed by discussion with a view to approval  
doc. 7178/21

**7. Cyber elements of the EU Integrated Resolve: Presentation by the EEAS**

**8. AOB**

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