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### **COMMUNICATION**

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

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| Subject:  | Informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on<br>International Environment Issues (Int. Chemicals/Synergies) ( <b><u>morning<br/>only</u></b> ) |
| Date:     | 21 May 2021   |
| Time:     | 10.00   |
| Venue:    | Videoconference   |

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1. Preparation of the Conference of Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (Triple COP online segment, 26-30 July 2021)
  - a) Organization of work
    - = *Information from the Bureaux members regarding regional meetings*
    - = *Information from the Presidency regarding the way forward and burden sharing*
  - b) EU and Member States Position Paper
    - = *Presentation and discussion*
  - c) Elections of officers
    - = *Information from the Presidency and Commission*

2. Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the Conference of the Parties as regards amendments of Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade  
= *Presentation by the Commission*  
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3. Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) and the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste Beyond 2020 (SMCW)
  - a) ICCM5 Bureau meeting (follow-up to the 19 May Bureau meeting)  
= *Information from Bureau members*
  - b) State of Play of Virtual Working Groups  
= *Information from the Presidency and Member States*
  - c) Commitment platforms and the global agenda for chemicals and waste management  
= *Information from Sweden*
  - d) Informal JUSCANNZ-EU meeting on GEF-8 replenishment chemicals and waste – Canadian proposal  
= *Information from Finland*  
= *Discussion*
4. Preparation of the fourth meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Minamata Convention (COP-4)
  - a) Organization of COP-4  
= *Information from Bureau members (preparation of Bureau Meeting, 7-11 June 2021)*
  - b) Intersessional work on effectiveness evaluation: draft monitoring guidance  
= *Information from the Presidency and the Commission*
  - c) Information on expert discussions concerning a threshold for mercury contaminated waste and its implications (8<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting on Hg waste Thresholds, 5 May)  
= *Information from Commission and discussion*
5. Draft UNEA-5 resolution on the establishment of an intergovernmental negotiating committee for an international legally binding agreement on plastic pollution  
= *Information from the Presidency*
6. Any other business

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NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal.