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### **COMMUNICATION**

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

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Subject:	Working Party on International Environment Issues (UNECE Aarhus)
Date:	1 October 2025
Time:	10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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#### **Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus)**

1. Roadmap for the work under the Danish Presidency
  - *Information by the Presidency*
2. Information by European Environment Bureau (EEB) and ClientEarth
  - *Presentation by the invited representatives, discussion*
3. Information by Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders under the Aarhus Convention  
Mr. Michel Forst
  - *Presentation, discussion*
4. Preparation for the Eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (MOP8) (17-19 November 2025, Geneva, Switzerland)
  - a) Outcomes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Working Group of the Parties (WGP29) (2-4 July 2025)
    - *Information by the Presidency*

- b) Organisation of work
    - *Information by the Presidency*
  - c) Preparation of EU + MS positions and statements for MOP8
    - I. Draft EU + MS position papers covering agenda items 1, 2, 6, 8(b), 9(b) and 9(c)
      - *Information by the Presidency and discussion*
    - II. Draft EU + MS positions on other agenda items concerning documents not yet published
      - *Information by the Presidency*
  - d) State of play on EU compliance cases
    - *Information by the Commission and discussion*
  - e) (poss.) Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at MOP8 on EU compliance cases
    - *Presentation by the Commission and discussion*
  - f) State of play on compliance cases against EU Member States
    - *Information by the Member States and discussion*
  - g) Election of Members of the Compliance Committee, the Bureau and the Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders
    - *Information by the Presidency and Commission and discussion*
5. Joint High-Level Segment under the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention and its Protocol on PRTRs (20 November 2025)
- a) Organisation of work
    - *Information by the Presidency*
  - b) Draft Declaration for the High-Level Segment of the Aarhus Convention MOP8 and PRTR Protocol MOPP5 (20 November 2025)
    - *Information by the Presidency and Commission*
6. Any other business
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