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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Meeting of the Law of the Sea Working Party
Date:	21 January 2026
Time:	10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

The Presidency would like to propose the following agenda for the next COMAR meeting on 21 January 2026.

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **The Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction**
 - a. Follow-up on TEG meeting of 19 January, 2026
 - b. Follow-up on exchange with the BBNJ PrepCom co-chairs of 14 January, 2026

- c. Preparations for PrepCom III
 - Report from Bureau meeting held on 16 December, 2025
 - Outreach - *information by MS and COM*
 - PSIDS Proposal on Advisory Mechanism on Indigenous Peoples, Local Communities, and Traditional Knowledge - *comments by MS and discussion*
 - Documents circulated by DOALOS ahead of PrepCom III:
 - a) *Initial assessment of the draft Study on the technical aspects of the operationalization of the Clearing-House Mechanism under the BBNJ Agreement: Part (a) stock-take assessment, and Part (b) compilation of options*
 - b) *Preliminary exchange of views on the other documents*
 - Revised Horizontal Strategy document (*WK17313/2025 REV 1 and WK17650/2025 INIT*)
- d. Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the PrepCom and the first CoP of the BBNJ Agreement - *presentation by Presidency and COM of the revised draft and discussion*
- e. Tour-de-table on ratifications of the BBNJ Agreement

3. A.O.B.

- a. United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (ICP), 22 to 26 June 2026 - *revised document following MS comments*
- b. Information by FI on the incident involving the vessel *Fitburg* in the Gulf of Finland on 31 December 2025
- c. Draft resolution on the ICJ Advisory Opinion on Climate Change – *information by Presidency and COM*
- d. Information on follow-up of Declaration of the European Union and its Member States on reinforcing the international law of the sea framework relating to threats from the shadow fleet and to the protection of critical undersea infrastructure – *adopted at FAC 15/12*

- I. The meeting will take place in the following venue: **Justus Lipsius**
- II. Delegates needing a day badge to attend the meeting are invited to send their names by e-mail to COMAR Secretariat (comar@consilium.europa.eu) **before 19 January 2026, noon.**