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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:	12 March 2026
Time:	10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL EUROPA BUILDING Rue de la Loi 167, 1048 BRUSSELS

The Presidency would like to propose the following agenda for the next COMAR meeting on 12 March, 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 11 March, 2026
 - b. Strategy and priorities for PrepCom III
 - c. Follow-up on the Bureau meetings of 24 February and 11 March, 2026

- d. Preferred dates for COP 1 (7-18 December, 2026 or 11-22 January, 2027)
- e. Preparations for PrepCom III
 - Follow-up on exchange with BBNJ PrepCom Co-Chairs of 18 February, 2026
 - Outreach
 - Status of updating matrices on the documents circulated by DOALOS ahead of PrepCom III (WK 770/2026 and WK 524/2026) and discussion
 - PSIDS Proposal for an Advisory Mechanism on Indigenous Peoples, Local Communities and Traditional Knowledge - *Input from EU/MS team and discussion*
- f. China's candidacy to host the Secretariat of the BBNJ Agreement
- g. Draft Hamilton Declaration II on Collaboration for the Conservation of the Sargasso Sea (United Kingdom's NV, 13 February 2026) (WK 3542/2026 INIT)

3. Possible follow-up actions to the 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

EEAS Non-paper (WK 1623/2026) and further developments

4. A.O.B.

- a. Adoption of the Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the PrepCom and the first CoP of the BBNJ Agreement (ST 6684/26 and ST 6336/26)**
- Information by Presidency
- b. ISA Council Meeting** (31st session, Council session, part I, Kingston, 9-20 March 2026) -
Draft ISA Council Decision on BBNJ (WK 3264/2026 INIT) - *Information by COM*
- c. Draft resolution on the ICJ Advisory Opinion on the Obligation of States in respect of Climate Change** - *Information by Presidency and COM*

- I. The meeting will take place in the following venue: **EUROPA BUILDING**
- 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 10 March 2026, noon**