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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:	8 July 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 8 July 2026.

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Ireland's Presidency of the Council: introduction and presentation**
- 3. 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. Debrief of the TEG meeting held on 7 July 2026
 - b. Follow up to the Bureau meeting held on 11 June 2026, including scheduled July Bureau meeting

- c. Interim CHM notification update with debriefs from the calls with Likeminded and with DOALOS
 - d. Outreach updates
 - e. Debrief PSIDS Advisory Mechanism briefing of 25 June 2026 (WK 8252/2026 INIT, WK 9170/2026 INIT, WK 9310/2026 INIT)
 - f. Türkiye's Declaration upon ratification of the BBNJ Agreement (WK 9324/2026 INIT)
 - g. Draft Hamilton II Declaration on Collaboration for the Conservation of the Sargasso Sea (United Kingdom's NV, 13 February 2026) (WK 9093/2026 INIT)
 - h. Update on MS ratifications ahead of CoP 1
 - i. Information on BBNJ in other relevant instruments, frameworks, and bodies.
- 4. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, Meeting of State-Parties** (Thirty-sixth meeting, New York, 15-19 June 2026) (WK 7345/2026 INIT)
- Debrief and exchange of views
- 5. European Parliament Resolution of 28 April 2026 on the role of ocean diplomacy for the competitiveness of EU fisheries and aquaculture**
- Discussion on Para 32 and presentation of non-paper (WK 2025/2054 INIT, WK 6320/2026 INIT, WK 9528/2026 INIT)
- 6. A.O.B**
- a. **Draft Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for agreements between the Union and Barbados, Cameroon, Sierra Leone and Vanuatu on cooperation to counter and prevent illegal operations by vessels in the "shadow fleet"**
- Information by the EEAS
 - b. **UN Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea -**
- Twenty-sixth meeting: "Marine ecosystem restoration", New York, 22-26 June 2026): debrief
 - c. **2026 Oceans and Law of the Sea Resolution**
 - d. **Tonga Offshore Mining Ltd. v. International Seabed Authority and Nauru Ocean Resources Inc. v. International Seabed Authority**
- Information from the Presidency on the requests for provisional measures submitted by TOML and Nauru under article 290(1) of UNCLOS (hearing of 2-3 July 2026)
 - e. **ISA Secretariat's proposal for the Assembly to consider a request for an Advisory Opinion from the Seabed Disputes Chamber of ITLOS** (WK 9529/ 2026 INIT)
- Information from the Presidency

f. 2026 Sea-Level Rise Declaration

- *Update on process*

g. Statement on the South China Sea Arbitration 10th anniversary

- *Information from the Presidency*

- I. The meeting will take place in the following venue: **Justus Lipsius, JL – 20.3.**
- 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 6 July 2026, noon.**
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