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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Working Party on International Environment Issues (Global)
Date:	15 July 2026
Time:	10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

(Format: 1+2)

1. Presentation of the Irish Presidency programme

= *Information from the Presidency*

2. Global water issues

2.1 EU+MS preparations for the UN Water Conference 2026

- a) Information on the latest developments
- b) Preparation of EU+MS LTTs

2.2 UN High Level Political Forum (New York, 7 – 15 July 2026)

- Updates

- 2.3 UN 2028 Water Conference
- a) Latest developments
 - b) Preparation of EU+MS LTTs
- = *Information from the Presidency and the Commission and discussion*

3. UNEP / UNEA

- 3.1 Debriefing on recent meetings of UNEP governing bodies and other related issues
- a) Secretariat briefing on Work Package 27 of the UN80 Initiative (19 June)
 - b) UNEA-8 Bureau meeting (23 June)
 - c) 174th meeting of the CPR (26 June)
 - d) CPR subcommittee (7 July)
 - e) Upcoming meetings
- 3.2 Preparation of the 13th annual subcommittee meeting of the CPR (7 – 11 September)
- a) Presentation by UNEP Head of Brussels Office
 - b) EU+MS preparation
- = *Information from the EU Delegation in Nairobi, the Presidency, the Commission and EU Bureau members, followed by discussion*

4. Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC)

- 4.1 Debriefing on INC related meetings
- a) INC Bureau meetings
 - b) Informal in-person HoD meeting (Nairobi, 29 June – 3 July 2026)
 - c) Outreach meetings
 - d) Core teams meetings
- 4.2 Online intervention by the INC Chair
- 4.3 EU+MS next steps
- a) Organisation of work
 - b) EU+MS submission to the INC Chair
 - c) Upcoming meetings:
 - (i) (poss.) online meeting of EU INC HoDs
 - (ii) HAC & Friends (Copenhagen, 2-4 September 2026)
 - (iii) In-person HoD meeting Bangkok (26-30 September 2026)
- = *Information by the Presidency, the Commission and EU Bureau member, followed by discussion*

5. Any other Business

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