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COMAR

COMMUNICATION

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 September 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 to the Bureau meetings held on 24 July 2026 and 19 August 2026, including September meeting (WK 11042/2026 INIT, WK 13059/2026 INIT):
 - a. CHM
 - b. COP Presidency
 - c. COP Agenda
 - d. Budget questions

- b. COP1 Preparations
- c. Outreach updates
- d. Türkiye's Declaration upon ratification of the BBNJ Agreement (WK 10705/2026 INIT, WK 13201 2026 INIT)
- e. Draft Hamilton II Declaration on Collaboration for the Conservation of the Sargasso Sea (United Kingdom's NV, 13 February 2026) (WK 11302/2026 INIT, WK 13045/2026 INIT) - *for Information on next steps*
- f. Informal BBNJ national implementation expert working group
- g. Update on MS ratifications ahead of CoP 1
- h. Information on BBNJ in other relevant instruments, frameworks, and bodies.

3. UNGA Oceans and Law of the Sea Resolution

- a. Update by the Commission on the process
- b. Finalisation of the EU/MS proposals and positions on the Zero draft (WK 13045/2026 INIT)

4. **Annual Session of the ISA Part II** (Thirty-first session, Kingston, meetings of the Council from 13-24 July 2026 and of the Assembly from 27-31 July 2026) - *Debrief by the Presidency and exchange of views*

5. **Tonga Offshore Mining Ltd. v. International Seabed Authority and Nauru Ocean Resources Inc. v. International Seabed Authority** – *Information from the Presidency on the provisional measures order made by the Seabed Disputes Chamber of ITLOS under article 290(1) of UNCLOS (decision of 18 July 2026)*

6. **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 non-paper (WK 2025/2054 INIT, WK 6320/2026 INIT, WK 9528/2026 INIT)*

7. A.O.B

- a. **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 from the EEAS*

b. Maritime Security Declaration Demarches - Pledge on maintaining the integrity of the International Law of the Sea – No Fees/No Tolls

– *Information from the EEAS*

c. 2026 Sea-Level Rise Declaration

– *Update from the Presidency*

d. Türkiye's Presidential Decrees of 15 August declaring marine parks

- I. The meeting will take place in the following venue: **Justus Lipsius, JL – 20.1.**
 - 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 7 September 2026, noon.**
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