NOTICE OF MEETING
Consumers and Environment Category

The spokesperson, Ms Mader, invites you to attend the meeting of the Consumers and Environment Category, to be held in Brussels at the Committee's headquarters (room JDE 63), on Tuesday 13 January 2015, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., on the subject:

**New energies:**
What impact will they have on modes of energy consumption and the environment?

1. 9.30 a.m. Opening of meeting - adoption of the agenda

2. 9.35 a.m. Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting of 3 October 2014

3. 9.40 a.m. Opening of the meeting on: Consumer concerns and behaviour in connection with trends in the energy mix - Reine-Claude Mader, Category spokesperson.

4. 9.50 a.m. Presentation of issues - Round Table: Supply and demand trends in new energies: Production, consumption and environmental impact

   ➢ The Commission’s operational priorities for diversification and modernisation of energy supply for consumers - Marie Donnelly - Directorate for Renewables, Research and Innovation, Energy Efficiency, DG Energy (ENER), European Commission.

   ➢ Changing the future of energy: civil society as a key actor in the area of renewable energies - Lutz Ribbe, president of the EESC’s Sustainable Development Observatory.

   ➢ The social and environmental impacts of the development of new energies - Georges Cingal, EESC member, representative of France Nature Environnement and of the European Environmental Bureau (EEB)

5. 10.30 a.m. Discussion of issues: Debate with participants - Q & A
6. 12 noon Follow-up: Discussion of proposed action

7. 12.30 p.m. Lunch break

8. 2 p.m. Resumption of meeting - Stocktaking and prospects in the light of the morning's discussions: summary and proposals - Reine-Claude Mader, Category spokesperson

9. 2.15 p.m. Information items:
   1. Presentation of the proposed conference/hearing on the general subject of *Energy and Consumption* in connection with the Latvian Council presidency
   2. Presentation of the *European Consumer Day 2015*, planned to take place in Brussels on 16 March 2015, on the subject: *Towards the development of new forms of consumption* - Luis Lobo, head of the EESC’s INT section secretariat.

10. 2.45 p.m. Self-regulation and co-regulation: Stocktaking of work in progress at the EESC and the European Commission – Jorge Pegado Liz, member of the EESC’s INT section (Single Market, Production and Consumption)

11. 3.15 p.m. Any other business

12. 4 p.m. End of meeting

**Working languages**  ES-EL-EN-FR-IT
**Interpreting:**  ES-EL-EN-FR-IT / ES-EN-FR

**N.B.:** Members are asked to sign the attendance list in order to ensure that their travel and meeting expenses are refunded.

Members unable to attend the meeting are asked to give advance notice to their group secretariat so that interpreters do not attend unnecessarily.