

High Level Meeting

Agenda of the face-to-face meeting 11. December 2024

SPF, Avenue Galilée/Galilieelaan 5 Brussels. Link for online participation: [Teams](#)

11 December from 9:30 a.m. to 16:00 p.m.

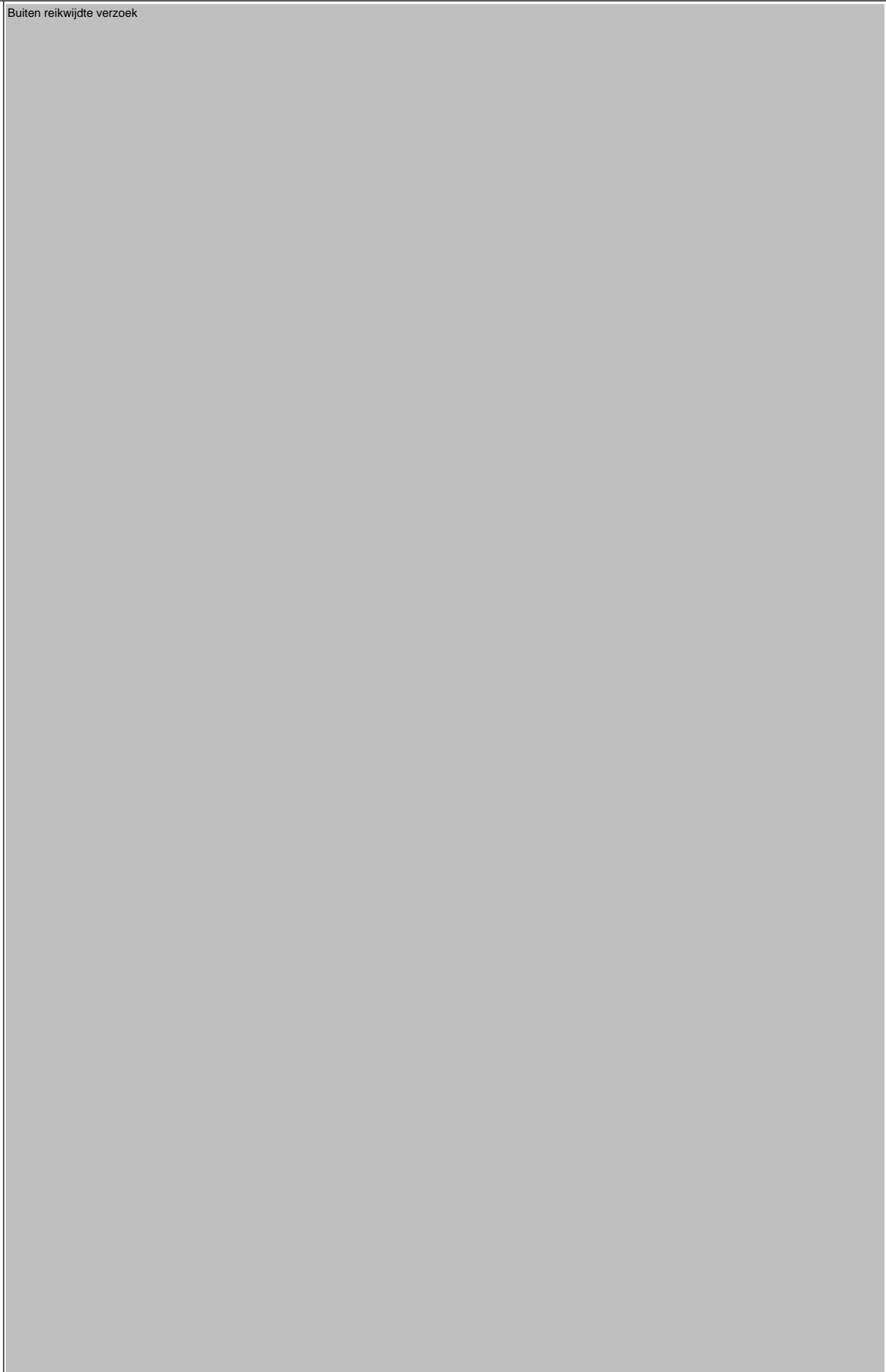
1 9.30	Welcome and introduction of participants <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction of participants- Welcome by the Head of Service Plant Protection Products and Fertilisers <p>Buiten reikwijdte verzoek</p>
2 10.00	Minutes and Actions from the last HLM (<i>attachment 2</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Buiten reikwijdte verzoek
3 10.05	<p>Buiten reikwijdte verzoek</p>


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11.1 5	<i>Coffee break</i>

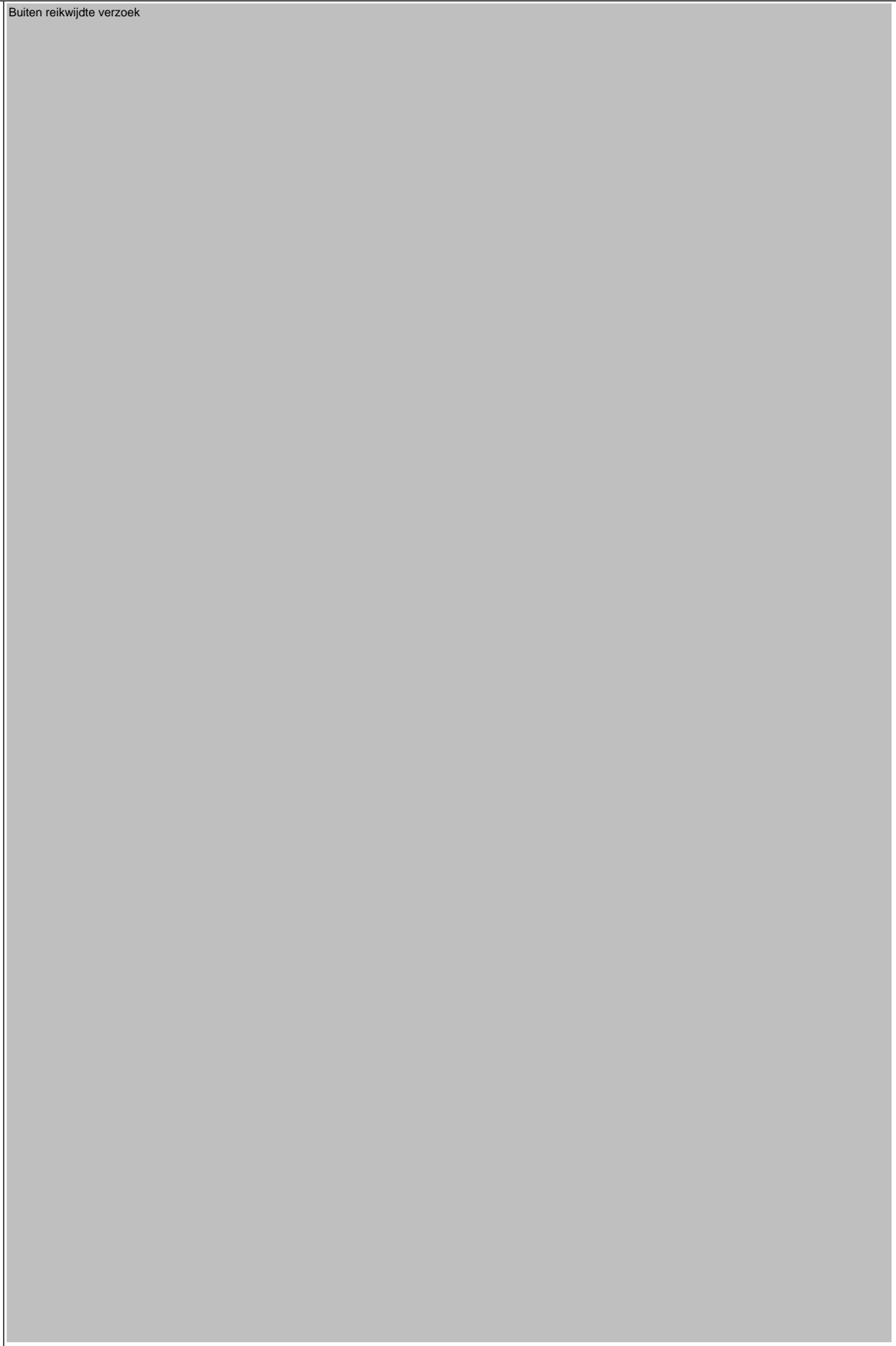
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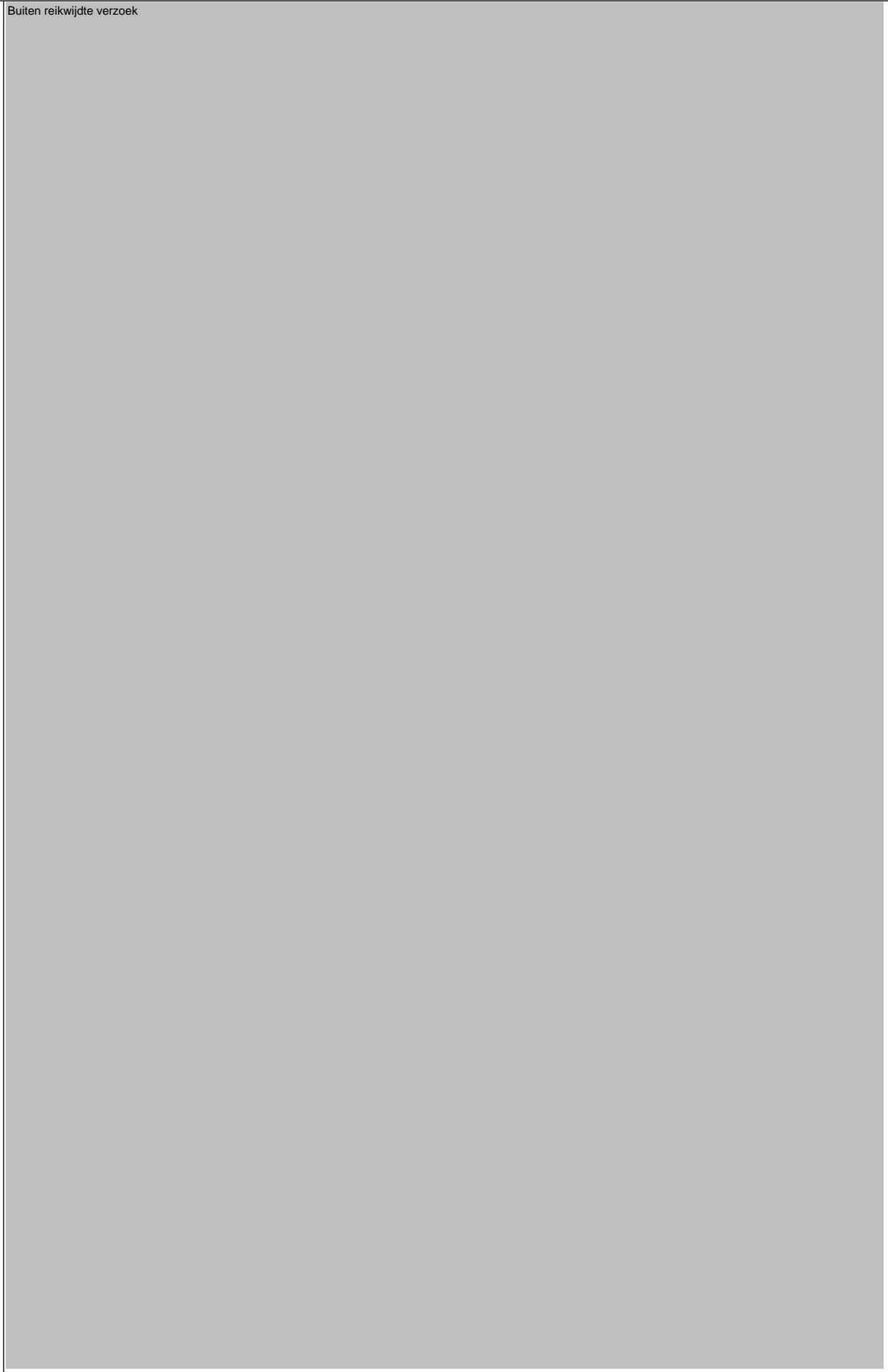
<p>7</p> <p>14.4</p> <p>5</p>	<p>PFAS (attachment 7a (NL) and 7b)</p> <p>Under REACH, a total ban of the entire group of PFAS has been proposed (All news - ECHA (europa.eu)).</p> <p>Following the restriction proposal, ongoing discussions within SCoPAFF are focusing on PFAS, particularly concerning TFA, a potential metabolite of a large number of active substances in Plant Protection Products (Member States can contribute expertise).</p> <p>Aim: Update by COM, followed by discussion of the developments and outlook.</p> <p>Ann. NL:</p> <p>Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key points are outlined in document 07.a "PFAS Background Doc." - Also included: Article on the link between PPP use and TFA in water (07.b, Joerss et al.). Key message: in different parts of the world, incl. EU, PPP contribute significantly to TFA in water sources. - COM has provided, at request of NL in SCoPAFF, an overview of all PFAS substances and their renewal status: 32 substances in total, 25 under renewal. - Discussions indicate that starting Article 21 procedures for almost all these substances is the most appropriate approach within the PPPR framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o (except for 3 substances with existing EFSA conclusions; Flufenacet: wrsch nonrenewal ivm ED (maar TFA ook boven norm)) o Flutolanil: hier TFA de oorzaak, maar niet vanwege grondwater maar vanwege niet kunnen uitsluiten residu in volggewassen, NL is rapporteur; o Penoxsulam: niet in beeld ivm geen toelatingen in NL). - This would involve 29 Article 21 procedures where additional TFA studies are required. A group-based approach appears most efficient (raised in December SCoPAFF; updates pending). However, this remains a complex and time-consuming project. <p>Discussion Points</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does addressing TFA through the standard procedures align with the urgency of the situation? 2. Possible alternatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Option 1: Removing the derogation in the PFAS restriction proposal</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Key question: does this save time and effort given time required for dossier preparation, timelines of the restriction process, and the transitional periods outlined in the restriction proposal (18 months, 5 years, or 12 years)? In the meantime, PFAS active substances will still have to be assessed within the PPP framework. - <i>Option 2: (more) precautionary approach</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Requires solid justification (proportionality, consistency). Burden of proof with the authorities. o Multiple scenario's are possible (e.g. withdraw approval of all substances based on the available scientific knowledge, or a subset of the major contributors, or other variants) o Could be based on the knowledge of the molecular structures and worst-case modeling (i.e. "The German model") 3. Explore these options and identify any additional viable alternatives. 4. Who is going to pick up alternative options? (COM, EFSA?)
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<p>10 15.4 5</p>	<p>Points for information Dates of next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 21 February 2025, 10.00h video conference - 21-22 May, 26-28 May or 25-26 June 2025, face-to-face meeting (Chair BE) - 10 October 2025, 10.00h video conference - 12 November 2025, HLM (Chair AT)
<p>16.0 0</p>	<p>Closure</p>