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**Informal Ministerial Roundtable for Ambitious Follow-up to Durban - Accelerated Climate Actions: Janez POTO#NIK, Member of the EC in charge of Environment attends the Session V on Rio+20 - Oceans and fisheries, and way forward**

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SUMMARY

On the second day of the Informal Ministerial Roundtable for Ambitious Follow-up to Durban - Accelerated Climate Actions, Andris Piebalgs, Member of the EC in charge of Development, opened the Session V on Accelerated Climate Actions.

In this session, Janez POTO#NIK focussed on oceans and fisheries which represent key challenges for climate change.

Ministers from the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and a number of Latin American countries were invited to discuss the follow-up of 2011 Durban climate conference in Brussels on 7-8 May. They also focussed on the preparation of the UN climate change convention and the Rio+20 summit on sustainable development on 20-22 June.

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SHOTLIST

00:00:00	Title
00:00:05	Arrival of Janez Poto#nik, Member of the EC in charge of Environment to the meeting room
00:00:11	Cutaway of Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation and COP 17 President
00:00:18	SOUNDBITE (in English) by Janez Potocnik, Member of the EC in charge of Environment: Despite a number of commitments on Oceans and seas taken in Agenda 21 in 1992 and later on in Johannesburg in 2002, a number of issues have not been addressed sufficiently while others requires urgent attention. Rio could help by boosting the implementation of such agreements and by launching new policies and actions that address the conservation of marine resources and the sustainable use of marine biodiversity. We need to manage fish stock sustainably. at present 32 percent of global commercial fish stock are overexploited, depleted or recovering from depletion and this figure is rising every year according to the FAO figures
00:01:09	Cutaway

00:01:16 SOUNDBITE (in English) by Janez Potocnik: The translation of the principles of the green economy in the marine and coastal context is known as the blue economy. Partnerships such as the Coral Triangle Initiative and the International Coral Reef Initiative are successful examples of how to boost local blue economies in a sustainable and inclusive manner. This is an important topic, so I look forward to discussing this and of course other concrete ideas with you for Rio +20

00:01:52 General shot of the meeting room

00:02:02 END

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