

**Notes for delegates to the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on EIA, Geneva, 21-23 November 2007**  
**Indicative timetable, documents and key issues**

Indicative timetable and documents

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	Documents (E= English, F=French, R=Russian)
Wednesday 21 November 2007	10.00- 10.30	<b>1. Adoption of the agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <i>Provisional agenda for the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting</i>, ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/7 (E,F,R)</li> <li>□ <i>Report of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on EIA</i>, ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/2 (E,F,R)</li> </ul>
	10:30- 12:30	<b>2. Compliance with and implementation of the Convention</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <i>Report of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Implementation Committee</i>, ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/3 (E,F,R)</li> <li>□ <i>Report of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Implementation Committee</i>, ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/4 (E,F,R) – including <i>draft decision IV/2 on the review of compliance</i></li> <li>□ <i>Draft decision IV/9 on strengthening the inquiry procedure</i>, Informal (E,R)</li> <li>□ <i>Draft operating rules for the Implementation Committee</i>, Informal (E,R)</li> <li>□ <i>Draft report by the Committee to the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parties, Informal (E,R)</i></li> <li>□ <i>List of respondents to the questionnaire (plus status of ratification)</i>, Informal (E)</li> <li>□ <i>Draft review of implementation</i>, Informal (E)</li> <li>□ <i>Draft decision IV/1 on the review of implementation</i>, Informal (E,R)</li> </ul>
	12:30- 13:00	<b>3. Exchange of good practices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <i>Draft decision IV/5 on the exchange of good practices</i>, Informal (E,R)</li> </ul>
		Lunch	
	15.00- 16.00	<b>4. Subregional cooperation to strengthen contacts between the Parties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <i>Draft decision IV/3 on the strengthening subregional cooperation</i> (E,R)</li> </ul>
16.00- 17.00	<b>5. Capacity-building in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <i>Guidelines on EIA in a Transboundary Context for Central Asian Countries</i>, ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/6 (E,F,R)</li> <li>□ <i>Draft decision IV/4 on capacity-building in EECCA</i>, Informal (E, R)</li> <li>□ <i>Table of contents of Russian-language journal</i>, Informal (E)</li> <li>□ <i>Report of Caucasus subregional workshop</i>, Informal (E)</li> </ul>	

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	17.00-18.00	<b>6. Belgrade Ministerial “Environment for Europe” Conference</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Initiative on SEA</i>, ECE/BELGRADE.CONF/2007/18 (E,F,R)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ministerial Declaration</i>, ECE/BELGRADE.CONF/2007/8 (E,F,R)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Agenda of Espoo side-event</i>, Informal (E,R)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Agenda of SEA side-event</i>, Informal (E,R)</li> </ul>
Thursday 22 November 2007	10.00-13.00	<b>7. Workplan for the next intersessional period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Draft decision IV/6 on adoption of the workplan</i>, Informal (E,R)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Proposal on an award scheme</i>, Informal (E)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Proposal on SEA and climate change</i>, Informal (E)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Proposal on effectiveness study</i>, Informal (E)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Report of Caucasus subregional workshop</i>, Informal (E)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ministerial Declaration</i>, ECE/BELGRADE.CONF/2007/8 (E,F,R)</li> </ul>
		Lunch	
	15.00-17:00	<b>8. Budget and financial arrangements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Draft decision IV/7 on budget and financial arrangements for the period up to the fifth meeting of the Parties</i>, Informal (E,R)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Report on the receipt of pledges</i>, Informal (E)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Draft decision IV/8 on financial assistance</i>, Informal (E,R)</li> </ul> <p>Biannual financial reports have already been sent to you and are available on the internet at <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/eia/budget.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/eia/budget.htm</a>. Please bring them with you if you wish to refer to them. They will not be available in the meeting room.</p>
	17:00-18:00	<b>10. Status of ratification of the Convention, its amendments and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Status of ratification of the Convention, its amendments and its Protocol (plus list of respondents to the questionnaire)</i>, Informal (E)</li> </ul>
Friday 23 November 2007	10.00-12.00	<b>5. Fourth meeting of the Parties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Outline programme of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parties</i> formal (E,R)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Draft provisional agenda of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parties</i>, Informal (E,R)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Draft Multilateral Agreement Among the States of South-East Europe Implementing the Espoo Convention</i>, ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/10 (E,F,R)</li> </ul>
	12.00-12.30	<b>11. Matters relating to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment</b>	(None.)

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	12:30-13:00	<b>12. Public participation in international forums</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on EIA, ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2006/2 (E,F,R)</i>
		Lunch	
	15.00-16.00	<b>13. Other business</b>	(None.)
	16.00-18.00	<b>14. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the meeting</b>	(None.)

**Please bring with you your own copy of the following formal documents if you wish to refer to them:**

- Report of the third meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention, ECE/MP.EIA/6
- Espoo Convention, ECE/ENHS/NONE/3
- Protocol on SEA, ECE/MP.EIA/2003/3
- Rules of Procedure, ECE/MP.EIA/3

**These formal documents will be available in room C.337:**

- Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on EIA, ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2006/2
- Report of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on EIA, ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/2
- Report of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Implementation Committee, ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/3
- Report of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Implementation Committee, ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/4
- Guidelines on EIA in a Transboundary Context for Central Asian Countries, ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/6
- Provisional agenda for the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/7
- Draft Multilateral Agreement Among the States of South-East Europe Implementing the Espoo Convention, ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/10
- Initiative on SEA, ECE/BELGRADE.CONF/2007/18
- Ministerial Declaration, ECE/BELGRADE.CONF/2007/8

### **Key issues on which the Working Group is expected to decide or advise**

- Final wording of the following draft decisions
  - IV/1: Review of Implementation                      Annex: Review of Implementation 2006
  - IV/2: Review of Compliance                            Annex: Operating Rules  
Annex: Report by Committee to MOP4  
?Annex: Findings (Committee initiative)  
?Annex: Findings (Submission by Romania)
  - IV/3: Subregional cooperation
  - IV/4: Capacity-building in EECCA
  - IV/5: Exchange of good practice
  - IV/6: Adoption of the workplan                      Annex: Workplan
  - IV/7: Budget and financial arrangements            Annex: Secretariat report on the budget and financial arrangements in the period  
since the third meeting of Parties
  - IV/8: Financial assistance
  - IV/9: Strengthening the inquiry procedure
- Final content of the provisional agenda of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parties
- Further substantive preparations for the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parties:
  - Possible speakers
  - The need for a meeting of the Working Group on 19 May 2008 in Bucharest
  - Possible future members of the Bureau and the Implementation Committee for the period between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Parties
- Confirm practical arrangements of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parties