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**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION  
ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
IN A TRANSBOUNDARY CONTEXT

Fourth meeting  
Bucharest, 19–21 May 2008  
Item 2(a) of the provisional agenda

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONVENTION

**Report of the Implementation Committee on its fourteenth meeting**

Report by the Implementation Committee

*Summary*

The Meeting of the Parties established the Implementation Committee for the review of compliance by the Parties with their obligations under the Convention with a view to assisting them fully to meet their commitments (decision II/4). The present report gives an account of the fourteenth meeting of the Implementation Committee, held from 15 to 17 January 2008 in Geneva, further to (a) the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee and procedures for review of compliance (decision III/2), and (b) the adopted workplan (decision III/9). The meeting finalized its findings and recommendations (a) further to a submission by Romania regarding its concerns about Ukraine's compliance with its obligations under the Convention, and (b) regarding strengthening Armenia's implementation of the Convention.

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. Representatives from the following Parties members of the Implementation Committee attended the meeting: Armenia (Ms. Margarita Korkhmazyan), Croatia (Mr. Nenad Mikulic), Finland (Ms. Seija Rantakallio), Germany (Mr. Matthias Sauer), Kyrgyzstan (Mr. Kubanychbek Noruzbaev), Poland (Mr. Jerzy Jendroska) and Slovakia (Mr. Tomáš Černoš). The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, a member of the Committee, was not represented.
2. The Chair of the Committee, Ms. Rantakallio, opened the meeting on Tuesday, 15 January 2008. The Committee adopted its agenda as prepared by the secretariat.
3. The secretariat informed the Committee that a new representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ms. Daniela Stefkova, had been nominated by her Government, but had not been able to travel to the meeting.
4. The Chair provided a summary of discussions regarding the review of compliance at the eleventh meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), held from 21 to 23 November 2007 (ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/8, paras. 5–8).

## II. SUBMISSION BY ROMANIA

5. Further to its thirteenth meeting, the Committee considered further the submission by Romania received on 23 January 2007 regarding its concerns about Ukraine's compliance with its obligations under the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2008/2, para. 9). At the request of the Committee, the Chair had sent the Committee's draft findings and recommendations to the two Parties, inviting their comments or representations in accordance with paragraph 9 of the description of the Committee's structure and functions (appended to decision III/2). The Committee finalized its findings and recommendations, taking into account the representations received from both Parties.
6. **The Committee agreed to submit the findings and recommendations (ECE/MP.EIA/2008/6) to the fourth meeting of the Parties for its consideration.**
7. The Committee amended the draft decision on the adoption of the workplan for the next intersessional period, being submitted to the fourth meeting of the Parties for its consideration, to reflect its recommendations.

## III. COMMITTEE INITIATIVE ON ARMENIA

8. Further to its thirteenth meeting, the Committee continued considering its initiative regarding Armenia's implementation of the Convention, further to paragraph 6 of the description of the Committee's structure and functions. At the request of the Committee, the Chair had sent the Committee's draft findings and recommendations to Armenia, inviting comments or representations in accordance with paragraph 9 of the description of the Committee's structure and functions. The Committee, with the exception of Ms. Korkhmazyan (Armenia), finalized its findings and recommendations, taking into account the representations received from Armenia.

9. **The Committee agreed to submit the findings and recommendations (ECE/MP.EIA/2008/7) to the fourth meeting of the Parties for its consideration.**

10. The Committee amended the draft decision on the adoption of the workplan for the next intersessional period, being submitted to the fourth meeting of the Parties for its consideration, to reflect its recommendations.

#### IV. OPERATING RULES

11. The Committee noted that the Working Group on EIA at its eleventh meeting had welcomed the draft operating rules and had asked that they be appended to the draft decision on the review of compliance for consideration by the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/8, para. 8).

#### V. REPORT TO THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES ON THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES

12. The Committee noted that the Working Group on EIA at its eleventh meeting had also welcomed the Committee's draft report to the Meeting of the Parties and had asked that it be appended to the draft decision on the review of compliance for consideration by the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/8, para. 8). **The Committee finalized its report to the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.EIA/2008/5) and agreed to submit it to the fourth meeting of the Parties for its consideration.**

#### VI. DRAFT DECISION ON THE REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE

13. The Committee included its draft recommendations on Ukraine and Armenia in the draft decision on the review of the compliance. **The Committee then agreed to submit the draft decision (ECE/MP.EIA/2008/4) to the fourth meeting of the Parties for its consideration.**

#### VII. OTHER BUSINESS

14. **The Committee decided to meet next from 28 to 30 October 2008 in Geneva.**

15. The Chair closed the meeting on Thursday, 17 January 2008.

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