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

Implementation Committee

Eighteenth session  
Geneva, 23–25 February 2010

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 23 February 2010\*

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Follow-up to decision IV/2 regarding Ukraine (paragraphs 7–14).
3. Follow-up to decision IV/2 regarding Armenia (paragraphs 15–19).
4. Second review of implementation:
  - (a) General compliance issues;
  - (b) Specific compliance issues.

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5. Submissions.
6. Committee initiative.
7. Revised questionnaire.
8. Structure and functions, and operating rules.
9. Preparations for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties.
10. Other business.
11. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the session.

## **II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

### **Item 1: Adoption of the agenda**

1. This provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat in agreement with the Chair, in accordance with rule 9 of the operating rules of the Implementation Committee, adopted by the fourth meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/2, annex IV).

### **Item 2: Follow-up to decision IV/2 regarding Ukraine (paragraphs 7–14)**

2. This agenda item may not be open to observers.
3. The Committee is expected to review the strategy that the Meeting of the Parties requested the Government of Ukraine to submit to the Committee by the end of 2009. The strategy is expected to take into account the efforts by the Government of Ukraine to implement the provisions of the Convention, to be based on the outcome of an independent review (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2009/5) and to include its time schedule and training and other actions to bring about compliance with the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/2, para. 12).

### **Item 3: Follow-up to decision IV/2 regarding Armenia (paragraphs 15–19)**

4. This agenda item may not be open to observers.
5. The Committee is expected to review the report that the Meeting of the Parties requested the Government of Armenia to submit, if possible by the end of 2009, on actions taken to implement the recommendations of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/2, para. 19).
6. If appropriate, the Committee may then discuss arrangements for the planned seminar on legislation and procedures for the implementation of the Convention in Armenia (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/7), expected to be held back-to-back with a meeting of the

Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment in 2010, and to be led by Armenia (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2009/4, para. 24).

**Item 4: Second review of implementation**

**(a) General compliance issues**

7. Mr. Mikulic and Ms. Bragoi are expected to present the findings of their examination of the second review of implementation (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/1, annex), focusing on notification (article 3) and on post-project analysis, bilateral and multilateral cooperation and research programmes (articles 7, 8 and 9), respectively (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2009/4, para. 29).

**(b) Specific compliance issues**

8. This agenda item may not be open to observers.

9. The Committee is expected to consider a reply from Albania to letters sent by the Chair on behalf of the Committee, seeking clarification on, inter alia, the status of the legislation to implement the Convention, reportedly planned for 2008 (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2009/2, para. 29). The Committee may consider further steps if the Government of Albania has failed to reply (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2009/4, para. 33).

**Item 5: Submissions**

10. This agenda item is not open to observers, except if invited by the Committee.

11. The Committee will examine any submissions by Parties received since the Committee's previous session.

12. Further to the submission by Ukraine expressing concerns about Romania's compliance with its obligations under the Convention, the Committee will consider any comments or representations submitted by the two Parties by 31 January 2010 (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2009/4, para. 40). The Committee is then expected to finalize its findings and recommendations for consideration by the next session of the Meeting of the Parties.

**Item 6: Committee initiative**

13. This agenda item is not open to observers.

14. The Committee will consider any information received from the Government of Azerbaijan in response to the letter sent by the Chair on 15 September 2009. The Chair, with the support of the secretariat, is expected to report on the contracting of a consultant, subject to the identification of funds, to provide technical advice to review Azerbaijan's current and draft legislation on EIA in detail. With the observations resulting from the proposed advice, the Committee may make recommendations on measures to strengthen Azerbaijan's legislation (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2009/4, para. 32).

15. The Committee is expected to consider replies from:

(a) Belgium and the Netherlands, regarding a proposed activity in Belgium (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2009/4, para. 43);

(b) Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine, regarding a proposed activity in Belarus (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2009/4, para. 44);

(c) Slovakia and Ukraine, regarding a proposed activity in Slovakia (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2009/4, para. 45);

(d) the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine, regarding a proposed activity in the Republic of Moldova (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2009/4, para. 47).

16. In accordance with rule 15 of its operating rules, the Committee will also consider other information provided by sources regarding the implementation of the Convention.

**Item 7: Revised questionnaire**

17. The secretariat will report on progress made regarding the circulation of the questionnaire (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/1, para. 5).

**Item 8: Structure and functions, and operating rules**

18. The Committee is expected to keep under review and, if necessary, develop its structure and functions, as well as its operating rules, in the light of the experience it has gained (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/2, para. 6). In particular, the Committee may discuss possibilities for making its procedures more transparent.

**Item 9: Preparations for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties**

19. The Committee is expected to discuss preparations for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties, including the drafting of a decision on the review of compliance, preparation of the Committee's report on its activities, and the possible drafting of proposed amendments to either the Committee's operating rules or its structure, functions and procedures (ECE/MP.EIA/6, annex II, decision III/2, appendix).

**Item 10: Other business**

20. A Vice-Chair is expected to report on the outcomes of the Bureau meeting held in Geneva on 14 and 15 January 2010. Members of the Committee wishing to raise other business should contact the Chair and the secretariat as soon as possible.

**Item 11: Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the session**

21. The Committee is expected to agree on the main decisions taken at the meeting and to confirm the date and location of its next session.

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