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Working Group on Implementation

Nineteenth meeting

Stockholm, 4-5 June 2013

Annotated provisional agenda of the twentieth meeting

**To be held at the premises of the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency,
Stockholm, starting at 10 a.m. on 4 June 2013***

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Reporting on implementation.
3. Assistance Programme management.
4. Coordination with other implementation and compliance mechanisms.
5. Schedule of meetings.
6. Other business.
7. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the meeting.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

The Working Group on Implementation is expected to review the implementation of its plan of work for the period up to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as decided at the previous meeting in January 2013.

This provisional agenda was prepared by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) secretariat in agreement with the Chair and Co-Chair of the Working Group.

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation will open the meeting and invite the Working Group to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

* Members of the Working Group on Implementation are requested to confirm their participation to Convention secretariat, at the latest two weeks prior to the meeting.

2. Reporting on implementation

The Working Group on Implementation is expected to review the questionnaire and the guidelines as modified by the secretariat according to the decisions taken at the Working Group's meeting on 29 January 2013. The secretariat will advise the meeting on the feasibility of options discussed in the previous meeting to facilitate the task of the focal points to reply to the questionnaire.

The Working Group is expected to discuss the possibility of being more systematic in its analysis of national implementation reports by linking the analysis to the benchmarks, (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/6).

The Working Group will then need to decide whether the revised version of the questionnaire, together with the guidelines, should be sent to the Parties and other countries to be filled in.

The secretariat will report on the receipt of a response from the Russian Federation to the Executive Secretary's letter to that country's Minister of Foreign Affairs regarding the failure to report on implementation. The Working Group will be invited to discuss the secretariat's suggestion that the response be enclosed with the new request to the Russian Federation to complete the questionnaire, as a reminder of the country's renewed commitment to report.

3. Assistance Programme management

The secretariat will recall the outcome of its mission to the Republic of Moldova in February 2013, with the aim of supporting the country to revise its self-assessment and preparing its action plan.

The secretariat will report on the sending of letters to countries benefitting from the Assistance Programme, to remind them of their obligation to carry out self-evaluations and to submit action plans, and on any replies received.

The secretariat will inform the Working Group which countries have submitted self-evaluations and action plans to date. The Chair of will report on the work of the small operational group tasked with the review of self-assessments and action plans submitted through the secretariat. The Working Group will discuss the outcome of the review and decide how to proceed further, based upon the decision of the Conference of the Parties on the division of work between the Working Group and the Bureau.

The Working Group will also evaluate any requested assistance on substance and provide guidance to the country concerned.

The Chair will report on the work of a second working group tasked with the review of the benchmarks document (indicators and criteria).

The secretariat will report on the conclusions of its investigation into the obstacles faced by countries that had not submitted a complete self-assessment or action plan.

The Working Group might wish to consider the status that self-assessments and action plans should have in the beneficiary countries in order to allow an effective use of the instruments and, at the same time, ensure full support of the countries' authorities.

The Working Group is expected to review outline terms of reference for the implementation of projects under the Assistance Programme.

4. Coordination with other implementation and compliance mechanisms

The Chair will report on her participation in the first meeting of the network of the ECE compliance and implementation bodies in environmental matters, held in Geneva on 25 March 2013.

5. Schedule of meetings

The Working Group is expected to confirm the dates and locations of its next meetings in 2013 and 2014, up to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

6. Other business

Members of the Working Group wishing to raise other business should contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

7. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the meeting

The meeting is expected to agree on the main decisions taken. In addition, the Working Group might agree on a report to present to the meeting of the Bureau taking place the week after.

The Chair is expected to close the meeting at about 1 p.m. on 5 June 2013.
