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the Protection and Use of Transboundary
Watercourses and International Lakes

Compliance Committee

Eleventh meeting

Geneva, 24 and 25 March 2015

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on
Tuesday, 24 March 2015, at 10 a.m.*

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Consideration of submissions, referrals and communications.
3. Relevant developments since the tenth meeting of the Compliance Committee.
4. Consultation with Parties to facilitate implementation of the Protocol.

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5. Implementation of and compliance with the reporting requirements.
6. Compliance with the obligation to set targets and target dates.
7. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings.
8. Other business.
9. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

1. The Compliance Committee will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

2. Consideration of submissions, referrals and communications

2. In accordance with the relevant procedures set out in decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.3–EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.3), the Committee is expected to consider:

(a) Any submission by Parties relating to specific issues of compliance (ibid., paras. 13–14);

(b) Any referral by the joint secretariat relating to specific issues of compliance (ibid., para. 15);

(c) Any communication from the public relating to specific issues of compliance (ibid., paras. 16–22).

3. Specifically, the Committee is expected to consider a communication received from a member of public, subject to the preliminary determination of its admissibility.

3. Relevant developments since the tenth meeting of the Compliance Committee

4. The secretariat will inform the Committee of relevant developments since its tenth meeting (Geneva, 25 November 2014). In particular, it will inform the Committee about the relevant outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (Geneva, 26–27 November 2014) and the thirteenth meeting of the Bureau of the Protocol (Geneva, 28 November 2014).

5. The secretariat and the Committee members will report on the opportunities they had to present the compliance mechanism at various forums and events.

4. Consultation with Parties to facilitate implementation of the Protocol

6. At its tenth meeting, the Committee decided to invite Albania, Azerbaijan and Croatia to engage in the Consultation Process. Taking into account the request for assistance recently submitted to the secretariat by Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Committee also decided to invite this country to join the Process as an observer.

7. Accordingly, the above States were invited to engage in a Consultation Process to be held at the twelfth meeting of the Compliance Committee (tentatively scheduled for October 2015). The deadline set for States to respond to this invitation is 1 February 2015.

8. At its eleventh meeting, the Committee will be invited to discuss the preparations and the expected outcomes of the Consultation Process, pending the response to the invitation by the Parties concerned.

5. Implementation of and compliance with the reporting requirements

9. At its tenth meeting, the Committee considered, based on paragraph 11 (c) read in conjunction with paragraph 12 of the Compliance Procedure, that it had the competence not only to examine general issues of compliance but also to take appropriate action in case of possible non-compliance by a specific Party with its obligation to report under the Protocol.

10. Accordingly, the Committee decided to initiate a case regarding possible non-compliance with the obligation to report by Portugal, the only Party that failed to submit its national summary report within the second reporting exercise.

11. The Committee is expected to deliberate the case and proceed with drafting findings, measures and recommendations, as appropriate.

6. Compliance with the obligation to set targets and target dates

12. The secretariat will inform the Committee about the relevant outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health and the thirteenth meeting of the Bureau specifically with regard to the general issue of compliance by Parties to the Protocol that are also members of the European Union.

13. At its tenth meeting, the Committee noted that its recommendations addressing target setting in accordance with article 6 of the Protocol as incorporated in decision III/1 of the Meeting of the Parties (see ECE/MP.WH/11/Add.2–EUDCE/1206123/3.1/2013/MOP-3/06/Add.2, paras. 5, 6 and 7 (b) and (c)) were somewhat misleading. It therefore decided to address the issue again in its recommendation to the Meeting of the Parties at its fourth session, to be held in 2016. At its eleventh meeting the Committee will discuss possible revisions to the relevant paragraphs of the above-mentioned decision.

7. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings

14. The Committee will agree on issues for consideration at its next meetings. The Committee will also agree on the dates of its twelfth and thirteenth meetings.

8. Other business

15. Committee members wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

9. Adoption of the report

16. The Committee will agree on the modalities for the preparation and adoption of the report on its eleventh meeting.