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Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on
Strategic Environmental Assessment

Implementation Committee

Thirty-eighth session

Geneva, 20–22 February 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Monday, 20 February 2017*

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.

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2. Follow-up to decision VI/2.
3. Submissions.
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5. Review of implementation.
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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

1. The Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment will be invited to adopt the agenda for its thirty-eighth session, as set out in the present document. The provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat in agreement with the Implementation Committee Chair, in accordance with rule 9 of the Implementation Committee's operating rules.¹

2. Follow-up to decision VI/2

2. Discussion under agenda item 2 will not be open to observers unless the Committee decides otherwise, further to rule 17 of the operating rules.

3. The Committee is expected to follow up on decision VI/2² of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention with regard to actions to be taken by Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus and Ukraine.

4. In particular, on the basis of information provided by these Parties with regard to their implementation of decision VI/2, in preparing its report to the Meeting of the Parties the Committee is expected to deliberate on its evaluation of and recommendations regarding the following items:

(a) The steps taken by the Government of Ukraine to comply with its obligations under the Convention in relation to the Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta (Bystroe Canal Project);

(b) The follow-up by Ukraine in respect of the extension of the lifetime of the Rivne nuclear power plant;

(c) The adoption by Armenia of legislation for the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol;

¹ The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention adopted the Committee's operating rules through decision IV/2 (see ECE/MP.EIA/10), and later amended them through decisions V/4 (see ECE/MP.EIA/15) and VI/2 (see ECE/MP.EIA/20/Add.1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4/Add.1). A consolidated version is available on the Committee web page (see http://www.unece.org/env/eia/implementation/implementation_committee.html).

² See ECE/MP.EIA/20.Add.1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4.Add.1 and Corr.1.

(d) The adoption by Azerbaijan of legislation for the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol together with the development of subsequent implementing regulations;

(e) The steps undertaken by Belarus and Lithuania with regard to the construction of the Ostrovets nuclear power plant.

3. Submissions

5. Discussion under agenda item 3 will not be open to observers, unless the Committee decides otherwise, further to rule 17 of the operating rules.

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

4. Information gathering

7. Discussion under agenda item 4 will not be open to observers, unless they are invited by the Committee to participate.

8. Taking into account the deliberations at its thirty-seventh session (Geneva, 12–14 December 2016), the Committee may continue consideration of:

(a) Information it has gathered regarding the extension of the lifetime of the Borssele nuclear power plant in the Netherlands;

(b) The planned activities by Bosnia and Herzegovina concerning the Ugljevik and Stanari thermal power plants;

(c) The planned extension of the lifetime of the Doel and Tihange nuclear power plants in Belgium;

(d) The planned extension of the lifetime of the Dukovany nuclear power plant in Czechia.

9. The Committee will also examine information submitted by a non-governmental organization regarding the extension of the lifetimes of the Rivne, South Ukrainian, Zaporizhia and Khelmnitskiy nuclear power plants in Ukraine.

10. Further to its thirty-seventh session, the Committee may also continue consideration of the information-gathering cases regarding compliance with the provisions of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment by Serbia and Armenia.

5. Review of implementation

11. The Committee is expected to continue its consideration of the specific compliance issues identified in the fourth review of implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2014/3) and the first review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/3). In particular, the Committee will continue its consideration of the specific issues regarding compliance by the European Union with the Protocol and by Cyprus with the Convention.

6. Preparations for the next sessions of the Meetings of the Parties

12. In accordance with its structure and functions and procedures for the review of compliance (see ECE/MP.EIA/6, decision III/2), the Committee is expected to complete

preparations for the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Minsk, 13–16 June 2017). In particular, the Committee is expected to finalize the draft decisions on the review of compliance with the Convention and the Protocol and the Committee's report on its activities.

7. Other business

13. Members of the Committee wishing to raise other business should contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

8. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the session

14. 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 before the Chair formally closes the session.
