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on Environmental Impact Assessment  
in a Transboundary Context

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention  
on Environmental Impact Assessment in  
a Transboundary Context serving as the  
Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on  
Strategic Environmental Assessment

### Implementation Committee

#### Forty-third session

Geneva, 4–7 December 2018

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

## Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-third session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.  
on Tuesday, 4 December 2018\*

### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.

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\* There are accreditation procedures for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Members of the Committee and observers are therefore requested to register online at least two weeks before the start of the meeting, i.e., **by 20 November 2018**, through the following link: <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=MDJOo9> (use of the Internet Explorer browser is recommended). In case of difficulty, please refer to the online user manual (<https://www2.unece.org/wiki/display/OMR/Online+Meeting+Registration+Guidelines>) or contact the secretariat by e-mail ([elizabeth.james@un.org](mailto:elizabeth.james@un.org)). On their way to the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (a map and other practical information are available from the Economic Commission for Europe website at <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>). In case of difficulty, please contact the Convention secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 6307.



2. Submissions.
3. Information-gathering.
4. Review of implementation.
5. Other business.
6. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the session.

## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

1. The present provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, in agreement with the Chair of the Implementation Committee, in accordance with rule 9 of the Committee's operating rules.<sup>1</sup> The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda.

2. Pursuant to rule 17 of the operating rules, which provides that "[p]arts of meetings dealing with specific submissions relating to compliance should not be open to observers, unless the Committee and the Party whose compliance is in question agree otherwise. [...] This rule should be applied, mutatis mutandis, in case of a Committee initiative", the discussion under agenda items 2 and 3 will not be open to observers unless otherwise decided by the Committee.

### **2. Submissions**

3. Pursuant to rule 17 of the operating rules, discussion under agenda item 3 will not be open to observers unless otherwise decided by the Committee.

4. The Committee will examine any submissions received from Parties since its previous session.

### **3. Information-gathering**

#### **(a) Convention matters**

5. The Chair and the secretariat will report on progress in the preparation of guidance on the applicability of the Convention to the lifetime extension of nuclear power plants, including the outcomes of the third meeting of the ad hoc working group established by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its seventh session (London, 2-3 October 2018). The Committee will be invited to consider ways to support the work of the ad hoc group.

6. The Committee will continue its consideration of the information-gathering cases regarding:

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<sup>1</sup> 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, annex II). A consolidated version is available on the Committee's web page (under Structure and functions of the Implementation Committee, and procedures for review of compliance and consolidated operating rules: [http://www.unece.org/env/eia/implementation/implementation\\_committee.html](http://www.unece.org/env/eia/implementation/implementation_committee.html)).

(a) Extension of the lifetime of reactors at the Borssele nuclear power plant in the Netherlands, the Doel and Tihange nuclear power plants in Belgium, the Dukovany nuclear power plant in Czechia, the Santa Maria de Garoña nuclear power plant in Spain and the Rivne, South Ukrainian, Zaporizhia and Khelmitskiy nuclear power plants in Ukraine;

(b) Compliance with the provisions of the Convention by Bosnia and Herzegovina, in respect of the planned activities at the Ugljevik and Stanari thermal power plants; by Spain, concerning the planned construction of individual temporary storage for radioactive waste at the Almaraz nuclear power plant; and by Belarus, regarding the recently adopted law on State ecological expertise, strategic environmental assessments and environmental impact assessments.

7. The Committee is also expected to consider information provided by a non-governmental organization (NGO) from Bosnia and Herzegovina, regarding two proposed activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina; by a German civil initiative, regarding a proposed activity in Switzerland; and by a Romanian NGO, regarding a proposed activity in Bulgaria.

**(b) Protocol matters**

8. The Committee will continue its deliberations on Serbia's compliance with the provisions of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment in respect of its Energy Development Strategy and its Spatial Plan. The Committee may also begin consideration of the information provided by an NGO from the Republic of Moldova regarding a programme related to hydropower development in Ukraine.

#### **4. Review of implementation**

9. If time permits, the Committee is expected to resume consideration of compliance by the European Union with the Protocol, identified during the first review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/3),<sup>2</sup> and of the general and specific compliance issues identified during the fifth review of implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/25) and the second review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/9) based on proposals prepared by the curators in advance of the fortieth session.

#### **5. Other business**

10. Members of the Committee who wish to raise other business should contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

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<sup>2</sup> The draft document was subsequently adopted without change by the Meeting of the Parties at its sixth session (Geneva, 2–5 June 2014). The first review is available at [http://www.unece.org/env/eia/implementation/review\\_implementation.html](http://www.unece.org/env/eia/implementation/review_implementation.html) and <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=40641>.

## **6. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the session**

11. 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.

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