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Items 3 (a) and 8 of the provisional agenda

#### Outstanding issues: draft decisions

#### Adoption of decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention

### **Draft decision IS/1e on compliance by Serbia with its obligations under the Convention in respect of a third block of the Kostolac lignite power plant**

#### **Proposal by the Implementation Committee**

#### *Summary*

The draft decision contained in the present document responds to the request of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context at its seventh session (Minsk, 13–16 June 2017) for the Implementation Committee to revise draft decision VII/2 on the review of compliance with the Convention, taking into account the work already carried out and the progress achieved before, during and after the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.EIA/23-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7, para. 27). To facilitate its consideration and adoption, draft decision VII/2 has been split into separate draft decisions: a draft decision on general issues of compliance and draft decisions on separate country-specific compliance issues.

Draft decision IS/1e presents a revised version of the text of draft decision VII/2 concerning compliance by Serbia with its obligations under the Convention in respect of a third block of the Kostolac lignite power plant.

The Meeting of the Parties is expected to review the draft decision and agree on its adoption.

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*The Meeting of the Parties,*

*Recalling* article 11, paragraph 2, and article 14 bis of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context,

*Recalling also* its decision at its seventh session to finalize its deliberations on the review of compliance with the Convention at an intermediary session, based on a revised draft decision to be prepared by the Implementation Committee and taking into account the work carried out and the progress achieved before and during the seventh session,<sup>1</sup>

*Having considered* the sections concerning Serbia in the report on the activities of the Implementation Committee to the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its seventh session<sup>2</sup> and in the reports of the Committee on its forty-first<sup>3</sup> and forty-second sessions,<sup>4</sup>

*Recalling* its decision IS/1 on the review of compliance with the Convention adopted at the intermediary session,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts made by Serbia during the 2014–2017 intersessional period to implement the recommendations of the Committee regarding the planned construction of block 3 of the Kostolac lignite power plant;<sup>5</sup>

2. *Endorses* the findings of the Implementation Committee that Serbia brought the planned construction into compliance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the Convention by initiating a transboundary procedure with Romania;<sup>6</sup>

3. *Requests* Serbia and Romania to complete the transboundary procedure in accordance with the Convention.

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<sup>1</sup> See ECE/MP.EIA/23-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7, para. 27. See also draft decision VII/2 (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/8).

<sup>2</sup> ECE/MP.EIA/2017/4-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/4, paras. 86–87.

<sup>3</sup> ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2018/2, para. 50.

<sup>4</sup> ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2018/4, paras. 46–50.

<sup>5</sup> ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2016/4, para. 43.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*