



**PRTR Protocol to the Aarhus Convention  
3rd Meeting of the Working Group of the Parties  
(Geneva, 20-21 November 2013)  
- Position by the EU and its Member States -**

**Item 7(b)(iii). Reporting requirements**

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Bureau for the preparation of the draft decision on reporting requirements.

Recognising the importance of having clear guidance, the EU and its Member States welcome the draft of the document on reporting requirements. In particular, the sections on timely submission of implementation reports, with encouragement to the Parties to start preparation of the reports sufficiently in advance, and through a public consultative and transparent process, are considered to be of utmost importance for achieving the Protocol's objectives.

Understanding that the translation of the reports into three official languages puts significant strain on staff resources of the secretariat and requires the allocation of additional resources from the Convention's trust fund, the EU and its Member States support the decision to make only the synthesis report available in the three ECE official languages.

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