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Task Force on Access to Justice

Eleventh meeting
Geneva, 27 and 28 February 2018
Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening and adoption of the agenda

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Provisional list of speakers for the eleventh meeting

To be held in Salle XXI, Building E, Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 27 February 2018

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1. **Opening and adoption of the agenda**
   
   **Timing**: Tuesday, 27 February, 3–3.10 p.m.

   Mr. Jan Darpo, Chair of the Task Force

2. **Thematic focus: Access to justice in cases on the right to environmental information**
   
   **Timing**: Tuesday, 27 February, 3.10–6 p.m.

   Mr. Josef Nejedly, Office of the European Ombudsman
   *Access to environmental information and access to justice in the context of the Aarhus Convention from the perspective of the European Ombudsman*

   Ms. Elizabeth Dolan, Office of the Irish Environmental Information Commissioner
   *Office of the Irish Environmental Information Commissioner: Reviewing decisions on the right to environmental information*

   Mr. Miroslav Gavalec, Supreme Court, Slovakia
   *Aarhus Convention Impact on Slovak Case-law – the 18th preambular paragraph*

   Mr. Adrian Panciuc, Republic of Moldova
   *Outcomes of the work of the Task Force on Access to Information and experience of the Republic of Moldova*

   Mr. Daniel Lamfried, Germany
   *Effective access to justice in cases on the right to environmental information in Germany*

   Ms. Chloe Gambin, Malta
   *Access to Justice in Malta in relation to Access to Information Cases*

   Ms. Gordana Petkovic, Serbia
   *Legal protection and right to environmental information in the Republic of Serbia*

   Ms. Elena Trigo, Switzerland
   *How mediation proceedings on the right of information promote effective access to justice*

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1 The document was not formally edited. The timeline is indicative and might be subject to change in the course of the meeting.

2 Coffee breaks might be held during the meeting if time permits.
Mr. Roberto Rando, European Investment Bank
Promoting credible alternatives to judicial review: the EIB Complaints Mechanism and access to environmental information

Mr. Vadim Ni, Ecoforum of NGOs, Kazakhstan
Case studies in Kazakhstan: the need in an expeditious review procedure for access to information cases

Ms. Ana Barreira, IIDMA, Spain
Access to Justice in environmental information cases in Spain: Is it effective?

3. Stocktaking of recent and upcoming developments
Timing: Wednesday, 28 February, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3–4 p.m.

Mr. Daniele Franzone, European Commission
Access to Justice in Environmental Matters: the Communication from the European Commission of 28 April 2017

Mr. Csaba Kiss, Justice and Environment
Recent developments in access to justice in selected EU Member States with special regard to legal standing

Ms. Soo-Young Hwang, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (statement)

Mr. Joost Pikkemaat, the Netherlands
Access to Justice in the Netherlands: an update on current affairs & case law

Mr. Filip Diensbier, Supreme Administrative Court, Czechia
Access to Justice in Environmental Matters in the Czech Republic – Law and Reality

Ms. Nino Latsabidze, Georgia
Access to a review procedure in Georgia to challenge the legality of any decision, act or omission subject to the provisions of article 6 of the Aarhus Convention

Mr. Rober Murataj, Aarhus Center, Albania
Respecting the Aarhus Convention for strategic investments in Albania

Statements
Ms. Carol Day, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, United Kingdom
Ms. Summer Kern, Justice and Environment
Mr. Sergio Magonov, Ecohome, Belarus

4. Tools to promote effective access to justice
Timing: Wednesday, 28 February, 4–5.30 p.m.

Ms. Ragnhild Noer, Supreme Court of Norway (via video-conference)
International cooperation among the judiciary on environmental law

Mr. Luc Lavrysen, European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment
The European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment – Report on past and planned conferences

Statements:
Ms. Eva Duer, UN Environment
Ms. Jela Bilandzija, REC
Mr. Csaba Kiss, Justice and Environment
Mr. Nyrgaz Abdulmanov, Kazakhstan
Monitoring of legislation related to the Aarhus Convention

Statement:
Mr. Aliaksandr Brausau, Belarus

Timing: Wednesday, 28 February, 5.30–5.45 p.m.
Mr. Jan Darpo, Chair of the Task Force

Statements:
Ms. Summer Kern, Justice and Environment

6. Other business.
Timing: Wednesday, 28 February, 5.45–5.50 p.m.
7. Closing.
Mr. Jan Darpo, Chair of the Task Force