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### Compliance Committee

#### Seventh meeting

Geneva, 1 and 2 April 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

## **Annotated provisional agenda for the seventh meeting of the Compliance Committee\***

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 1 April 2019\*\***

### **I. Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

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2. Election of officers.
3. Submissions, referrals and communications.
4. National pollutant release and transfer registers in the European Union member States.
5. Development of the Protocol.
6. Reporting format.
7. Other business.
8. Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

*Timing: Monday, 10–10.15 a.m.*

New members of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters will be invited to make a solemn declaration that they will perform their functions impartially and conscientiously (ECE/MP.PRTR/2010/2/Add.1). The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda for its seventh meeting as set out in the present document.

### **2. Election of Officers**

*Timing: Monday, 10.15–10.30 a.m.*

The Committee will be invited to elect its Chair and Vice-Chair in accordance with decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs (ECE/MP.PRTR/2010/2/Add.1).

### **3. Submissions, referrals and communications**

*Timing: Monday, 10.30–10.45 a.m.*

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is expected to consider any possible submissions made by a Party concerning another Party's compliance with its obligations under the Protocol, any submissions made by a Party concerning its own compliance, any referrals made by the secretariat concerning possible non-compliance by individual Parties or any communications from the public regarding Parties' compliance, as provided for in paragraphs 15 to 24 of the annex to decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PRTR/2010/2/Add.1).

### **4. National pollutant release and transfer registers in the European Union member States**

*Timing: Tuesday, 10.45 a.m.–12.30 p.m.*

The Committee will consider a report by the rapporteur, appointed by the Committee at its sixth meeting to further explore the issue on whether European Union member States that

Parties to the Protocol were required under the Protocol to introduce their own national pollutant release and transfer registers to supplement what was done at the European Union level. The Committee is expected to draw its conclusion on this matter pursuant to the Committee's mandate under paragraph 14 (b) of the annex to decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PRTR/2010/2/Add.1) to examine compliance issues that were not referred to in paragraph 13 of the decision.

## **5. Development of the Protocol**

*Timing: Monday, 12.30 a.m.–13 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.; and continuing Tuesday, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.*

Pursuant to the decision on the development of the Protocol taken by the Protocol's Working Group of the Parties at its sixth meeting (Geneva, 9 November 2018), the Committee is expected to review the draft report on development of the Protocol, prepared by the Protocol's Bureau, taking into consideration key issues identified in the following documents: Systemic issues concerning the implementation of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers and recommendations on how to address them (ECE/MP.PRTR/2017/6/Add.2), Progress in implementing the strategic plan for 2015–2020 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2018/5) and the Development of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2018/6) along with relevant documents prepared under other international forums.

## **6. Reporting format**

*Timing: Tuesday, 12–12.55 p.m.*

The Committee will be informed about the upgrade of the online reporting tool aiming at facilitating the reporting by Parties for the next reporting cycle and the analysis of responses to the questions as defined in the reporting format (ECE/MP.PRTR/2010/2/Add.1, decision I/5). The Committee is expected to discuss possible ways to improve visualisation of the questions in the light of the key issues identified in the Guidance for reporting on implementation of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (ECE/MP.PRTR/2017/6/Add.3).

## **7. Other business**

*Timing: Tuesday, 12.55–1 p.m.*

The members of the Committee and participants will be invited to discuss any relevant item proposed under this item and agreed for inclusion on the agenda at the time of its adoption.

## **8. Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting**

*Timing: Tuesday, 3–3.30 p.m.*

The Committee will be invited to adopt the key outcomes of the meeting.

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