

## **Economic Commission for Europe**

### **Meeting of the Parties to 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**

#### **Compliance Committee**

##### **Eighth meeting**

Geneva, 30 and 31 March 2020

#### **Key outcomes of the meeting<sup>1</sup>**

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

The Committee adopted the meeting's provisional agenda<sup>2</sup>.

##### **2. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Committee**

The Committee took note of the information provided by the secretariat regarding provisional venue and date for the next session of the Protocol's Meeting of the Parties, scheduled to take place in Tbilisi in the week of 18 October 2021.

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

The Committee took note of the report by the secretariat that no submissions, referrals and communications were received since the previous Committee's meeting.

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

The Committee considered draft findings on the subject matter prepared by the curator appointed at the previous Committee's meeting. The Committee agreed that it requires more information in order to further explore the issue. To this end, taking into consideration the related information provided by Finland in its 2017 national implementation report, the Committee agreed to send questions to Finland in order to clarify the matter further. The questions and the accompanying letter will be sent by the Committee's Chair on behalf of the Committee to the Party's national focal point and will be made available on the Committee's website.

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<sup>1</sup> This document was not formally edited.

<sup>2</sup> Available from: <https://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/conventions/public-participation/meetings-and-events/public-participation/2020/eighth-compliance-committee-under-the-prtr-protocol/doc.html>

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

The Committee took note of the outcomes of the latest seventh meeting of the Protocol's Working Group of the Parties (Geneva, 28-29 November 2019) regarding the development of the Protocol<sup>3</sup>.

## **6. Preparation of the synthesis report**

The Committee considered its plans regarding preparation of the synthesis report for the 2021 reporting cycle, including preliminary timeline and distribution of tasks among the Committee's members.

## **7. Other business**

No issues were considered.

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

The Committee adopted the meeting's outcomes presented by the Chair at the meeting and requested the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair, to finalize the report and incorporate the adopted outcomes. The draft meeting report will be sent to the Committee members for possible comments and approval prior to its finalisation.

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See: [https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/prtr/WGP-7/WGP-7\\_List-of-decisions\\_v29Nov2019as\\_adopted.pdf](https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/prtr/WGP-7/WGP-7_List-of-decisions_v29Nov2019as_adopted.pdf)