EU and its Member States contribution

Agenda item 4 (b): Compliance mechanism - Election of the Compliance Committee members

The EU and its Member States would like to thank all Parties which have submitted nominees for the Compliance Committee. According to the information from secretariat of the Protocol on PRTRs one nominee for the Compliance Committee is still missing, in the view of these exceptional circumstances, EU and its Member States propose to nominate Ms Nataša Kačić-Bartulović for continuation of her mandate in the PRTR Compliance Committee at the third session of the Meeting.

Background information

At its third session, the Meeting of the Parties is expected to elect six members of the Compliance Committee in accordance with the procedure set out in Decision I/2 on the review of compliance, in conjunction with Decision I/1 on the rules of procedure (for both decisions, see ECE/MP.PRTR/2010/2/Add.1, EN, FR, RU). According to the information from the Aarhus Convention Secretariat a total of five nominations were received before expiry of the deadline for submissions (22 June 2017). Croatia submitted nomination for re-election of Ms. Nataša Kačić-Bartulović to the Secretariat after the formal deadline due to the reconstruction of the Government and change of the minister. As Croatian proposal was not submitted on time, the proposal was not taken into account by Secretariat. However, as the procedure set out in Decision I/2 foresees also possibility to submit in particular instances nominees within the Meeting of the Parties, EU and its Member states propose to nominate Ms Nataša Kačić-Bartulović for continuation of her mandate in the PRTR Compliance Committee.

The issue of particular instances is provided through Decision I/2 on review of compliance (see page 20, Annex, para 5):

which states that "5. Unless the Meeting of the Parties, in a particular instance, decides otherwise, the procedure for the nomination of candidates for the Committee shall be the following: ...

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Ms Nataša Kačić-Bartulović was elected at the second session of the Meeting of the Parties to serve the remainder of the first term of former member from (Croatia), i.e., until the third session of the Meeting of the Parties. As a legal expert, she has long experience in the field of environmental justice and is willing to continue to do voluntary work in this Compliance Committee.

The following five candidates were nominated for the Compliance Committee on time:

- Mr. Nicolas Encausse (France) - nominee for re-election
- Mr. Fritz Kroiss (Austria) - nominee for re-election
- Mr. Gor Movsisyan (Armenia, proposed by EPAC (NGO), nominated by Belgium) - nominee for re-election
- Mr. Juan Luis Martin (Spain) - new nominee
- Ms. Azemine Shakiri (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) - new nominee

The Compliance Committee currently consists of the following persons:

- Mr. Fritz Kroiss (Austria) – nominee for re-election
- Mr. Gor Movsisyan (Armenia) – nominee for re-election
- Ms. Barbara Rathmer (Germany) – will leave
- Mr. Merab Barbakadze (Georgia) – will continue
- Mr. Akos Fehervary (Hungary) - will continue
- Mr. Alistair McGlone (United Kingdom) – will leave
- Mr. Nicolas Encausse (France) - nominee for re-election
- Ms. Nataša Kačić-Bartulović (Croatia) - possible nominee for re-election
- Mr. Dmytro Skrylnikov (Ukraine) – will continue