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Access to Information, Public Participation
in Decision-making and Access to Justice
in Environmental Matters

Working Group of the Parties to the Convention

Fourteenth meeting

Chisinau, 27 and 28 June 2011

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fourteenth meeting

To be held at the Palace of the Republic, Chisinau, starting at 3 p.m.
on Monday, 27 June 2011

I. Provisional agenda*

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Status of ratification of the Convention, the amendment to the Convention and the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers.
3. Programme of work and operation of the Convention:
 - (a) Work programme for 2012–2014;
 - (b) Financial matters;
 - (c) Leadership for task forces and areas of work.

* The present document was submitted late due to resource constraints.

4. Preparations for the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties:
 - (a) Declaration;
 - (b) Compliance mechanism:
 - (i) Report of the Compliance Committee;
 - (ii) Draft decisions on compliance;
 - (iii) Election of the Compliance Committee;
 - (c) Practical arrangements for the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties.
5. Other business.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

1. The Working Group of the Parties will be invited to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document.

2. Status of ratification of the Convention, the amendment to the Convention and the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers

2. The secretariat will provide the Working Group with an overview of the status of ratification, acceptance, approval and accession with respect to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention), the amendment to the Convention and the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers. Delegations will be invited to report on any recent or anticipated developments concerning the ratification, acceptance, approval and accession with respect to these instruments in their respective countries. The Working Group is expected to take note of these developments.

3. Programme of work and operation of the Convention

(a) Work programme for 2012–2014

3. The Working Group revised the draft decision on its work programme for 2012–2014 at its thirteenth meeting (Geneva, 9–11 February 2011), approved it and forwarded it for consideration by the Working Group at its fourteenth meeting and the Meeting of the Parties at its fourth session. The Working Group agreed to consider at its fourteenth meeting a possible proposal by the European Union on the prioritization of activities, to be reflected in annex I of the draft decision.

4. The Working Group will be invited to consider the draft decision on this topic (ECE/MP.PP/2011/L.6) with a view to its submission for adoption at the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

(b) Financial matters

4. The Working Group revised the draft decision on financial matters at its thirteenth meeting, approved it and forwarded it for consideration by the Meeting of the Parties at its fourth session.

5. The Working Group will be invited to consider the draft decision on financial arrangements (ECE/MP.PP/2011/L.7), with a view to its submission for adoption at the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

(c) Leadership for task forces and areas of work

6. The Working Group will be invited to consider the issue of leadership for the task forces and areas of work under the Convention, based on the draft decision on the work programme for 2012–2014 (ECE/MP.PP/2011/L.6), with a view to the consideration of this topic by the Meeting of the Parties at its fourth session.

4. Preparations for the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties**(a) Declaration**

7. The Working Group will be invited to consider the draft Chisinau Declaration (ECE/MP.PP/2011/L.9) with a view to its consideration and adoption at the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

(b) Compliance mechanism**(i) Report of the Compliance Committee**

8. The Working Group will be informed about the report of the Compliance Committee to the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PP/2011/11 and Add.1–3). The Chairperson and other members of the Committee will be present to address any questions raised by the Working Group.

(ii) Draft decisions on compliance

9. The Chairperson of the Working Group will present draft decision IV/9 on general issues of compliance (ECE/MP.PP/2011/L.11) as well as supplementary draft decisions concerning specific cases of non-compliance. The Working Group is expected to review the draft decisions, consider possible revisions to them as necessary, and forward these for consideration by the Meeting of the Parties.

(iii) Election of the Compliance Committee

10. The Working Group is expected to review the status of nominations for election to the Compliance Committee and consider the election procedure, bearing in mind the desirability of electing the Committee by consensus if possible (see decision I/1, rule 35, para. 1, and decision I/7, annex, para. 7).

(c) Practical arrangements for the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties

11. The Republic of Moldova, as host country for the fourth ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties, and the secretariat will make any relevant announcements regarding practical arrangements for the fourth session. The Working Group will be invited to take note of this information.

5. Other business

12. Delegates wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.
