

Meeting of the Parties to the
Convention on Access to Information,
Public Participation in Decision-making and
Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Working Group of the Parties

Thirteenth meeting
Geneva, 9 – 11 February 2011
Agenda item 7 (d)

**MAJOR MILESTONES IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE MEETING
OF THE PARTIES AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATORY MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN CHISINAU,
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, FROM 29 JUNE 2011 TO 1 JULY 2011**

Note prepared by the secretariat

Activity	Deadline
Creation of a web-page dedicated to the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties (MoP-4), containing information on registration	By 15 March 2011
Mailing of invitation letters by UNECE	February–March 2011
Creation by the host country of a web-page on practical arrangements for MoP-4, which will be linked to the Aarhus Convention’s website (MoP-4 web-page)	February–March 2011
Registration	
(a) for delegates from non-governmental environmental organizations (NGOs):	
submission of registration forms to the European ECO-Forum with a copy to the Aarhus Convention secretariat, including requests for financial support, if required	8 April 2011
submission of a proposal from the European ECO- Forum to the Aarhus Convention secretariat on NGOs participation, including on financial support	20 April 2011
(b) for other delegates eligible for financial support:	
submission of registration forms and financial support forms to the Aarhus Convention secretariat	20 April 2011
(c) for all other delegates:	
submission of registration forms to the Aarhus Convention secretariat	20 May 2011

Activity	Deadline
Submission of credentials to the Aarhus Convention secretariat	To facilitate the procedure of verification of credentials, Parties to the Convention are invited to submit the credentials of delegates or a copy of the credentials to the secretariat before 15 June 2011. Those Parties that submitted a copy of the credentials should present their originals to the secretariat before MOP-4, on arrival at the meeting in Chisinau. Originals of the credentials should be submitted as soon as possible but no later than one hour before the opening of MoP-4.
Official Documents¹	
Finalization of the MoP-4 agenda and other official documents by the secretariat for submission to the Documents Management Service of United Nations Office at Geneva <i>Documents will be made available on the Convention's website as soon as they will be processed.</i>	11 March 2011 and 28 March 2011 respectively
Nominations for the Compliance Committee	
Submission of nominations for the Compliance Committee <i>(to the Aarhus Convention secretariat)</i> ²	6 April 2011
Dissemination of nominations for the Compliance Committee <i>(by the Aarhus Convention secretariat)</i> ³	18 May 2011

¹ Please note that documents prepared in advance for MoP-4 are divided into the following categories:

Category I (official documents for possible action);

Category II (official background documents, for instance synthesis report);

Category III (other not official documents relevant to the agenda, for instance national implementation reports).

² In accordance with paragraph 5 (a) of Annex to the Decision I/7 on review of compliance (ECE/MP.PP/2/Add.8) nominations for the Compliance Committee shall be sent to the secretariat in at least one of the official languages of the Convention no later than 12 weeks before the opening of MoP-4. Please note that in paragraph 7 of the Note on membership of the Compliance Committee the date for the submission of nominations should be changed accordingly.

³ In accordance with paragraph 5 (c) of Annex to the Decision I/7 on review of compliance (ECE/MP.PP/2/Add.8) and rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure (ECE/MP.PP/2/Add.2) nominations for the Compliance Committee shall be distributed at least six week before the opening of MoP-4.