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The first meeting of the Task Force on Access to Information took place in Geneva (Palais des Nations, Salle VIII) on 7 and 8 February 2013.

At this meeting, the Task Force agreed on possible priorities for future work to facilitate public access to environmental information. Furthermore, delegates shared experiences in the effective use of electronic information tools in the Convention`s implementation and exchanged information on the relevant capacity building initiatives at the regional, subregional and national levels. The recent activities of other international forums relevant to the matter of public access to environmental information were also presented and discussed.

The meeting of the Task Force featured an international workshop “Environmental information on products: making public access work” that addressed needs, challenges and good practices regarding accessibility of environmental information on products. The workshop provided a platform for discussion on the way forward in this area and the participants agreed on specific issues to be addressed in the future work of the Task Force.

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Ms. Elena Santer, Zoi Environment Network	PPT
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Mr. Gerard Cunningham, DEWA, UNEP	PDF
Mr. David Stanners, European Environmental Agency	PDF
Mr. Andrey Egorov, ECEH, Regional Office for Europe, World Health Organization	PDF
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Mr. Kevin Munn, Chemicals Branch, DTIE, United Nations Environment Programme	PDF
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Mr. Oleg Pecheniuk, NGO “Independent Ecological Expertise”, Kyrgyzstan, and Ms. Lidia Astanina, “Greenwomen” Analytical Environmental Agency, Kazakhstan	PDF
Ms. Elisabeth Ruffinengo, NGO “Women in Europe for a Common Future”	PDF
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Mr. Pavel Misiga, European Commission, European Union	PDF
Ms. Olga Panteleeva, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Belarus	PDF
Ms. Kristina Saarinen, Environment Institute SYKE, Finland	PDF
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Mr. Hirofumi Aizawa, Environment, Health and Safety Division, Environment Directorate, OECD	PDF
Ms. Kristina Saarinen, Environment Institute SYKE, Finland	PDF
Mr. David Azoulay, Center for International Environmental Law	PDF
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