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Meeting of the Parties to the Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment
in a Transboundary Context

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment in
a Transboundary Context serving as the
Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on
Strategic Environmental Assessment

**Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment
and Strategic Environmental Assessment**

Seventh meeting

Geneva, 28–30 May 2018

Item 9 (a) of the provisional agenda

Preparations for the next sessions of the Meetings of the Parties:

Intermediary session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention

Provisional annotated agenda and preparations for the intermediary session of the Meetings of the Parties

Proposals by the Bureau

At its seventh session (Minsk, 13-16 June 2017), the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention agreed that to finalize its deliberations and to reach consensus on draft decision VII/2 on the review of compliance with the Convention, it needed an “intermediary” session. It further agreed that that session was to be convened “at a date to be determined but tentatively scheduled for late 2018 or early 2019” and that it could also address additional issues that might arise (ECE/MP.EIA/23–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7, para. 27). The Meeting of the Parties entrusted the Bureau, with the assistance of the secretariat, to prepare the draft agenda and to identify a date for the intermediary session.

At its meeting (Geneva, 7 and 8 February 2018), the Bureau agreed on 5–7 February 2019 as the date of the intermediary session of the Meeting of the Parties (IS-MOP). It estimated that the general segment would last 2–2,5 days and the high-level segment half a day. In absence of proposals by Parties to host the session, it would be held in Geneva. (The Bureau also agreed on a preliminary timetable for other formal meetings under the Convention and the Protocol for 2019–2020, which are contained in informal document ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2018/INF.12).

This note presents an unedited provisional annotated agenda and a preliminary list of draft decisions and official documents for the intermediary session of the Meetings of the Parties, as proposed by the Bureau. Although all the proposed draft decisions and documents for the IS-MOP relate to the Convention matters only, the following two decisions on organizational matters must be taken jointly with the Parties to the Protocol: the election of the Chair of the Bureau and the date of the next sessions of the Meetings of the Parties. Consequently, the draft agenda should cover the intermediary sessions of both the Convention and the Protocol MOPs.

In addition to the items proposed by the Bureau for IS-MOP to decide on, the two MOPs could also be invited to briefly review the implementation of the workplan since the May 2018 meeting of the Working Group and be informed on the work of the Implementation Committee (see items 4 and 5 in square brackets). The next opportunity for such a review would be only at the Working Group’s eighth meeting, scheduled for November 2019.

The Working Group is invited to consider and agree on the provisional agenda, the list of draft decisions and documents and on the schedule for the preparatory work.

I. UNEDITED Annotated provisional agenda for the intermediary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Tuesday, 5 February 2019, starting at 10 a.m.

A. Provisional agenda

General segment

1. Opening of the intermediary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol).
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Election of the Chair of the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol for the general segment;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (c) Report on credentials;
 - (d) Status of the Convention and its amendments and the Protocol.
3. Outstanding issues:
 - (a) Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention:
 - (i) Draft decisions on the review of compliance with the Convention;
 - (ii) Draft decision on updated Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context for Central Asian Countries;
 - (iii) Draft decision on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities.
 - (b) Nomination of the Chair of the Bureau;
 - (c) Tentative calendar of meetings for 2019 and 2020.
- [4. Review of the workplan:
 - (a) Subregional cooperation and capacity-building;
 - (b) Exchange of good practices;
 - (c) Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol.
5. Review of compliance, implementation and the activities of the Implementation Committee.]

High-level segment

6. Opening ceremony for the high-level segment:
 - (a) Election of officer[s] for the high-level segment;
 - (b) Introductory speeches;
7. Statements by ministers and high-level representatives.
8. Adoption of decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention;

9. Election of the Chair of the Bureau for the remaining of the current intersessional period.
10. Date and venue of the next meetings.
11. Other business.
12. Conclusion of the session:
 - (a) Adoption of the outline report of the session;
 - (b) Closing of the session.

B. Proposed organization of the sessions: overview

1. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol) will meet for their intermediary sessions in conjunction in a single meeting room within a sessional period from 5 to 7 February 2019.
2. Delegates will be invited to be present throughout the sessional period.
3. After the opening of the intermediary sessions of the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol, the Meetings of the Parties will be invited to elect their chair for the general segment.
4. The general segment of the intermediary sessions will consist of individual meetings of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and joint meetings with the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, which will be convened alternately.
5. The high-level segment will open on the morning of Thursday, 7 February, and continue until 1 p.m. Following the joint opening, the meetings will continue to alternate between joint sessions of the two governing bodies and individual sessions of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, including for the adoption of decisions. Ministers and other heads of delegation will be invited to deliver statements to the joint high-level segment of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.
6. All meeting documentation will be made available on a web page for the meeting on the Convention's website.

C. Annotations to the provisional agenda

General segment

1. Opening of the sessions

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 5 February 2019, morning

1. The general segment of the intermediary sessions of the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol will be opened by the Chair of the Bureau.

2. Organizational matters

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 5 February 2019, morning

(a) Election of the Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol for the general segment

2. The Meetings of the Parties will be invited to elect its Chair for the general segment.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Meetings of the Parties are expected to adopt the agenda contained in the present document. The provisional agenda was drafted by the secretariat, in agreement with the Bureau, taking into account views expressed by the Parties during the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment (Geneva, 28–30 May 2018).

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the intermediary session(s) of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention [and the of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/26–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/10)

Informal document

Informal notes on the agenda (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/INF.1)

(c) Report on credentials

4. According to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2, annex I), which applies, mutatis mutandis, to the Meeting of the Parties to Protocol, the credentials of representatives of Parties, and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, are to be submitted to the secretariat if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation must also be submitted to the secretariat. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the minister of foreign affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization. The Bureau will examine the credentials and report on them to the Meeting (see rule 17 of the rules of procedure). Representatives are entitled to participate provisionally in the session, pending a decision by the Meeting to accept their credentials (see rule 18). Only Parties with valid credentials will be able to participate in the adoption of a decision or declaration. Parties are also invited to send the secretariat a copy of the credentials two weeks prior to the session.

5. The Meetings of the Parties will be invited to take note of the report by the secretariat on credentials of the representatives of Parties attending the Meetings of the Parties. Representatives may participate provisionally, pending this action.

(e) Status of the Convention and its amendments and the Protocol

6. The secretariat will inform participants about the status of ratification of the Convention and the declarations made by Parties upon deposit of their instruments of ratification of the Convention since the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties (Minsk, 13–16 June 2017). The secretariat will similarly inform the Meetings of the Parties about the status of ratification of the amendments to the Convention adopted at the second and third sessions of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention.

7. The secretariat will then report on the status of ratification of the Protocol and the declarations made by Parties upon deposit of their instruments of ratification of the Protocol.

8. Delegations will be invited to report on planned ratifications of the Convention, its amendments and its Protocol.

Documentation

Informal document

Status of ratification of the Convention, its amendments and its Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/INF.2)

3. Outstanding issues

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 5 February 2019, morning and afternoon; Wednesday, 6 February 2019, morning, and as necessary afternoon.

(a) Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention

(i) Draft decision on the review of compliance with the Convention

9. The Chair of the Implementation Committee will present draft decisions IS/1, and IS/1a–g on the review of compliance with the Convention. As mandated by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its seventh session (Minsk, 13–16 June 2017), the Implementation Committee prepared the draft decision based on its review of draft decision VII/2 and taking into account the progress made before, during and after the seventh session (ECE/MP.EIA/23/-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7, para.27). Moreover, as suggested by the delegation of Ukraine in June 2017, the Committee decided to present the revised general and country specific draft decisions in separate documents to facilitate their subsequent consideration and adoption by the Meeting of the Parties. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention is expected to discuss and finalize the draft decisions.

Documentation

Draft decision IS/1 on the general issues of compliance with the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/1)

Draft decision IS/1a on compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Convention with regard to its national legislation (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/2)

Draft decision IS/1b on compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the construction of a nuclear power plant in Metsamor (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/3)

Draft decision IS/1c on compliance by Azerbaijan with its obligations under the Convention with regard to its national legislation with its obligations under the Convention with regard to (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/4)

Draft decision IS/1d on compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the Ostrovets nuclear power plant (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/5)

Draft decision IS/1e on compliance by Serbia with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the Kostolac lignite power plant (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/6)

Draft decision IS/1f on compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/7)

Draft decision IS/1g on compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the lifetime extension of the Rivne nuclear power plant (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/8)

Draft decision IS/1h on compliance by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the Hinkley Point C nuclear power plant (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/9)

- (ii) *Draft decision on the updated Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context for Central Asian Countries*

10. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention will be invited to review and finalize draft decision IS/2 on the updated guidelines on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context for Central Asian countries. Delegations may also wish to comment the updated Guidelines under consideration by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention [that were agreed by the Working Group at its seventh meeting].

Documentation

Draft decision on the updated Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context for Central Asian Countries development (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/10)

Updated guidelines on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context for Central Asian countries (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/11)

- (iii) *Draft decision on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities*

11. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to review and finalize draft decision IS/3 on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities [as amended by the Bureau at its meeting in October 2018 as requested by the Working Group on EIA and SEA at its seventh meeting].

Documentation

Draft decision on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/12)

Initial key elements of guidance on the application of the Convention to the lifetime extension of nuclear power plants (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/13)

- (b) **Nomination of the Chair of the Bureau**

12. The Chair for the general segment will invite delegations to nominate a chair of the Bureau. The Chair will then invite the Meetings of the Parties to consider the endorsement of the nomination[s]. Formal election of the chair of the Bureau will take place in the high-level segment (item 4(a)).

- (c) **Tentative calendar of meetings for 2019 and 2020**

13. The Meetings of the Parties may agree a revised tentative calendar of meetings for 2019 and 2020. Delegations may also wish to put forward proposals for hosting such meetings.

Documentation

Informal document

Provisional schedule of meetings (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/INF...)

[4. Review of the workplan

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 6 February 2019, afternoon

14. The secretariat will report on the implementation of the current workplan (see ECE/MP.EIA/23/Add.1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7/Add.1, decision VII/3–III/3). The secretariat will itemize the sub-activities of the workplan, specifying whether each was implemented as foreseen.

Documentation

Informal document

Informal assessment of the completion of the workplan (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/INF...)

(a) Subregional cooperation and capacity-building

15. Delegations will be invited to report on progress in organizing subregional cooperation and capacity-building workshops since the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment, in 28–30 May 2018.

(b) Exchange of good practices

16. Delegations will be invited to report on progress in organizing events for the exchange of good practices since the seventh meeting of the Working Group.

(c) Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol

17. Delegations will be invited to report on progress in organizing workshops, including training, implementing pilot strategic environmental assessments and preparing fact sheets and national guidance documents on the application of strategic environmental assessment since the sixth meeting of the Working Group.

5. Review of compliance, implementation and the activities of the Implementation Committee

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 6 February 2019, afternoon

18. Delegations will be invited to report on progress in developing and adopting legislation for the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol further to technical assistance facilitated by the secretariat.

19. The Chair of the Implementation Committee will report on the Committee's activities in the period since the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

20. The secretariat will report on its drafting of the sixth review of implementation of the Convention and the fourth review of implementation of the Protocol in the period 2016–2018.

Documentation

Informal documents

Draft sixth review of implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/INF...)

Draft fourth review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2019/INF...)

Report on the activities of the Implementation Committee (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2019/INF...)

High-level segment

6. Opening ceremony for the high-level segment

Tentative timing: Thursday, 7 February, morning

(a) Election of officers for the high-level segment

21. The Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol will be invited to elect its chair for the high-level segment.

(b) Introductory speeches

22. The high-level segment of the Meetings of the Parties will begin with opening statements by invited minister(s) and the Executive Secretary of ECE.

7. Statements by ministers and high-level representatives

Tentative timing: Thursday, 7 February, morning

23. Statements by delegates will be heard in a joint meeting of the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol.

24. Ministers, other heads of delegation, and representatives of intergovernmental organizations and NGOs may make statements, with a recommended time limit of three minutes. The full texts of the official statements will be circulated if a sufficient number of copies are provided to the secretariat in the course of the session. Delegations are requested to register statements in advance of the session.

8. Adoption of decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention

Tentative timing: Thursday, 7 February, morning.

25. The Chair for the high-level segments will introduce the decisions, indicating their title and number, and the symbol of the document containing the draft text that the States Parties to the Convention are invited to consider and adopt. Members of the Bureau will provide additional information on each decision, as appropriate.

26. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention will be invited to consider adoption of the following decisions proposed by the Implementation Committee or the Bureau, as reviewed and finalized by delegations during the general segment:

(a) Decisions on the review of compliance with the Convention (decision IS/1 and decisions IS/1 (a)-(h));

(b) Decision on the updated Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context for Central Asian Countries (decision IS/2);

(c) Decision on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities (decision IS/3)

Documentation

Draft decisions on the review of compliance with the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/L.1–9)

Draft decision on the endorsement of the updated Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context for Central Asian Countries (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/L.10)

Updated guidelines on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context for Central Asian countries (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/L.11)

Draft decision on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/L.12)

Initial key elements of guidance on the application of the Convention to the lifetime extension of nuclear power plants (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/L.13)

9. Election of the Chair of the Bureau for the remaining of the current intersessional period

Tentative timing: Thursday, 7 February, morning

27. The Meetings of the Parties will convene in a joint meeting and will be invited to elect the Chair of the Bureau for the remaining of the current intersessional period, following the earlier agreement on nominations (item 3 (c) above).

10. Date and venue of the next meetings

Tentative timing: Thursday, 7 February, morning

28. The Meetings of the Parties will convene in a joint meeting and will be expected, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure, to decide on the date and venue of the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention to be held in conjunction with the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. The Bureau [and the Working Group] have proposed 9–11 December 2020 as the date of these sessions.

11. Other business

Tentative timing: Thursday, 7 February, morning

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

12. Conclusion of the session

Tentative timing: Thursday, 7 February, morning

(a) Adoption of the outline report of the session

30. The Chair for the high-level segment will present the main decisions taken at the intermediary session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention.

31. The Meetings of the Parties will be invited to adopt the draft report and authorize the secretariat to complete the report after the session under the guidance of the Bureau.

(b) Closing of the session

32. The Chair will close the session.

C. Proposed organization of work of the session(s)

<i>Date and tentative timing</i>	<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
General segment (2 days)		
Tuesday, 5 February 2019		
10–10.15 a.m.	1	Opening of the session
10.15–11 a.m.	2 (a)–(e)	Organizational matters
11–13 a.m. and 3–6 p.m.	3	Outstanding issues
	3 (a)	Draft decisions
Wednesday, 6 February 2019		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3	Outstanding issues (continued)
	3 (a)	Draft decisions
	3 (b)	Nomination of officers
	3 (c)	Tentative calendar of meetings
3–6 p.m.	3	Outstanding issues (continued, as needed)
	[4	Review of the workplan]
	[5	Review of compliance, implementation and the activities of the Implementation Committee]
Thursday, 7 February 2019		
High-level segment (0,5 day)		
10–10.15	6	Opening ceremony for high-level segment
	6 (a)	Election of officers for the high-level segment
	6 (b)	Introductory speeches
10.15–10.45	7	Statements by ministers and high-level representatives
10.45–11.15	8	Adoption of decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties
11.15–11.30	9	Election of the Chair of the Bureau
11.30–11.45	10	Date and venue of the next meetings
11.45–12.15	11	Other business
12.15–13	12	Conclusion of the session and adoption of the outline report

II. Preliminary list of draft decisions and official documents to be considered by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (IS-MOP)

A. Draft decisions

- Draft decision IS/1 on the general issues of compliance with the Convention
- Draft decision IS/1a on compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Convention with regard to its national legislation
- Draft decision IS/1b on compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the construction of a nuclear power plant in Metsamor
- Draft decision IS/1c on compliance by Azerbaijan with its obligations under the Convention with regard to its national legislation
- Draft decision IS/1d on compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the Ostrovets nuclear power plant
- Draft decision IS/1e on compliance by Serbia with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the Kostolac lignite power plant.
- Draft decision IS/1f on compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta
- Draft decision IS/1g on compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the lifetime extension of the Rivne nuclear power plant
- Draft decision IS/1h on compliance by United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with regard to the Hinkley Point C nuclear power plant
- Draft decision IS/2 on the updated guidelines on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context for Central Asian Countries
- Draft decision IS/3 on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities

B. Preliminary list of official documents for the Meetings of the Parties

(Document titles and their symbols are still subject to changes)

- Provisional agenda (ECE/MP.EIA/26–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/10)
- Draft decision IS/1 on the general issues of compliance with the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/1)
- Draft decision IS/1a on compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Convention with regard to its national legislation (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/2)
- Draft decision IS/1b on compliance on compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the construction of a nuclear power plant in Metsamor (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/3)
- Draft decision IS/1c on compliance by Azerbaijan with its obligations under the Convention with regard to its national legislation with its obligations under the Convention with regard to (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/4)
- Draft decision IS/1d on compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the Ostrovets nuclear power plant (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/5)
- Draft decision IS/1e on compliance by Serbia with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the Kostolac lignite power plant (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/6)
- Draft decision IS/1f on compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/7)
- Draft decision IS/1g on compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the lifetime extension of the Rivne nuclear power plant (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/8)
- Draft decision IS/1h on compliance by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with its obligations under the Convention with regard to the Hinkley Point C nuclear power plant (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/9)
- Draft decision IS/2 on the updated guidelines on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context for Central Asian Countries (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/10)

- Updated guidelines on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context for Central Asian countries (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/11)
- Draft decision on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/12)
- Initial key elements of guidance on the application of the Convention to the lifetime extension of nuclear power plants (ECE/MP.EIA/2019/13)

III. Indicative time schedule for the preparatory work for IS-MOPs

Activity	Responsible	Deadline/Date
Official documents (draft IS-MOP documents) for WG-7	Bureau with the secretariat	Issued as advance English copies on 8 March
7th meeting of the Working Group on EIA and SEA to agree on the provisional MOP agenda and draft documents (except on compliance)	Working Group	28–30 May 2018
42nd session of the Implementation Committee to finalize draft decision IS/1 on compliance	Implementation Committee	11–14 September 2018
Meeting of the Bureau to finalize any pending substantive or organizational items and to agree on the invitation letters	Bureau with the secretariat	22(pm)-23 October 2018
Finalization and availability of draft agenda and other official documents for the IS–MOP	Secretariat	Advance English copies available around 27 November (internal deadline for submitting the docs to editing = 12 weeks before the meeting i.e. 9 November)
Mailing of invitation letters	Secretariat	End of October 2018
[43 rd session of the Implementation Committee	Implementation Committee	4–7 December 2018]
Submission of financial support forms to ECE	Delegations eligible for financial support	Two months before the meeting i.e. 5 December 2018
Submission of credentials (full powers) to UNECE	All delegations	Copy to be sent two weeks before (by 22 January 2018); original to be presented on arrival at the MOP sessions before their opening.
Intermediary session of the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol (IS-MOP and IS-MOP/MOP)	Meetings of the Parties	5–7 February 2019