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Adoption of decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention

Draft decision IS/1b on compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Convention in respect of a nuclear power plant in Metsamor

Proposal by the Implementation Committee

Summary

The draft decision contained in the present document responds to the request of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context at its seventh session (Minsk, 13–16 June 2017) for the Implementation Committee to revise draft decision VII/2 on the review of compliance with the Convention, taking into account the work already carried out and the progress achieved before, during and after the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.EIA/23-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7, para. 27). To facilitate its consideration and adoption, draft decision VII/2 has been split into separate draft decisions: a draft decision on general issues of compliance and draft decisions on separate country-specific compliance issues.

Draft decision IS/1b presents a revised version of the text of draft decision VII/2 concerning the follow-up by Armenia to decision VI/2 in respect of a nuclear power plant in Metsamor.

The Meeting of the Parties is expected to review the draft decision and agree on its adoption.



The Meeting of the Parties,

Recalling article 11, paragraph 2, and article 14 bis of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context,

Recalling also its decision VI/2, paragraphs 45–46,¹ concerning compliance by Armenia with regard to the construction of a nuclear power plant in Metsamor,

Recalling further its decision at its seventh session to finalize its deliberations on the review of compliance with the Convention at an intermediary session, based on a revised draft decision to be prepared by the Implementation Committee and taking into account the work carried out and progress achieved before and during the seventh session,²

Having considered the relevant sections concerning Armenia in the report on the activities of the Implementation Committee to the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its seventh session³ and in the reports of the Committee on its thirty-ninth,⁴ forty-first⁵ and forty-second⁶ sessions,

Recalling its decision IS/1 on the review of compliance with the Convention adopted at the intermediary session,

1. *Takes note* of the information from the Government of Armenia that the final decision on the construction of the Metsamor nuclear power plant is no longer valid and activities based on that decision were suspended;⁷

2. *Endorses* the finding of the Committee that there is no longer a project requiring a transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure relating to the Metsamor nuclear power plant;⁸

3. *Urges* Armenia to ensure that any projects carried out in the future in accordance with energy-related programmes, including nuclear activities, are in compliance with the Convention.

¹ See ECE/MP.EIA/20/Add.1-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4/Add.1.

² See ECE/MP.EIA/23-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7, para. 27. See also draft decision VII/2 (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/8).

³ ECE/MP.EIA/2017/4-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/4, paras. 27–29.

⁴ ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2017/4, para. 31.

⁵ ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2018/2, para. 14.

⁶ ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2018/4, paras. 12–13

⁷ ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2016/4, para. 26.

⁸ *Ibid.*