

Decision I/5

Adopted by the 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 at its first session

Decision V/5

Adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context at its fifth session

Establishment of a subsidiary body

The Meeting of the Parties to the 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 in joint session,

Recalling article 14, paragraph 4 (d), of the Protocol, which concerns the establishment of subsidiary bodies necessary for the implementation of the Protocol,

Recalling also decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on mechanisms for the implementation of the Convention, which established the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment as a subsidiary body to assist in the implementation of the Convention and the management of its workplan,

Having considered the most appropriate ways of effectively implementing the Convention and the Protocol and successfully taking forward their workplan,

Recognizing that there are both synergies and differences between the Convention and the Protocol,

Concluding that a subsidiary body is needed to assist in the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol and the management of their workplan,

1. *Discontinue* the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment;
2. *Establish* a subsidiary body, called the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment, to assist in the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol and the management of their joint workplan;
3. *Request* this subsidiary body, in carrying out the tasks assigned to it in paragraph 2, to take the necessary steps to take forward the workplan agreed at the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the first session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, to monitor the expenditure of funds associated with the implementation of the workplan, to report to both bodies at their subsequent sessions on progress in the implementation of the workplan and monitoring of expenditure, and to ensure the efficient management of workplans which are agreed from time to time by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of Parties to the Protocol;

4. *Invite* the subsidiary body, in the light of experience in the implementation of the workplan, to make recommendations for consideration at subsequent sessions of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol of further work necessary to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention and the Protocol;

5. *Also invite* non-Parties to the Convention that are member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and governmental, non-governmental and other relevant international organizations and institutions, and, as appropriate, researchers, commercial firms, developers, consultants or other commercial entities to contribute fully, in accordance with the rules of procedure, as observers to the work undertaken by the subsidiary body to implement the Convention;

6. *Further invite* non-Parties to the Protocol that are member States of UNECE and governmental, non-governmental and other relevant international organizations and institutions, and, as appropriate, researchers, commercial firms, developers, consultants or other commercial entities to contribute fully, in accordance with the rules of procedure, as observers to the work undertaken by the subsidiary body to implement the Protocol.
