General issues considered in the Compliance Committee’s previous reports to MOP

1. Report to MOP4
   a. Entry into force of the Convention and application of its obligations
   b. International financial institutions and public functions related to provision of information and public participation
   c. Private entities and public functions related to provision of information and public participation
   d. The distinction between decisions under articles 6, 7 or 8 of the Convention
   e. Reasonable time-frames
   f. Private contracts
   g. Public participation and environmental impact assessment
   h. Direct effect of the Convention and national legislation
   i. Reconsideration or change of activities
   j. Access to justice (article 9, paragraph 3)
   k. Access to justice (article 9, paragraphs 4 and 5)

2. Report to MOP3
   a. Confidentiality of information
   b. Effective means of notification
   c. Multiple permits
   d. Responsibility for providing for public participation
   e. Time frames for public participation
   f. Implementation of the public participation pillar of the Convention
   g. Access to justice (article 9, paragraph 3)
   h. Financial and other obstacles to access to justice for non-governmental organizations
   i. International financial institutions
   j. Capacity-building and awareness-raising

3. Report to MOP2
   a. Clear, consistent and transparent framework to implement the Convention (article 3, para. 1)
   b. Reliance on direct applicability of the Convention
   c. Derogation from existing rights
   d. Need for guidance on implementing the public participation provisions of the Convention with respect to decision-making on projects in border areas that affect the public in other countries but do not require transboundary environmental impact assessment under the Espoo Convention.
   e. Need for guidance on the scope of the permitting processes in which the public participation procedures set out in article 6 should apply, i.e. the extent to which such processes should be environmental in character and what 'environmental' would mean in this context
   f. Financial and technical assistance to countries with economies in transition to improve implementation of the Convention.
   g. Need for awareness-raising among the judiciary and those public authorities dealing with environmental matters only indirectly.