

**PRTR Protocol**  
**Third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs**  
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**EU and its Member States contribution**

**Agenda item 4: Reporting and compliance mechanisms**

**(a) Reporting mechanism**

**Draft Decision III/1 on reporting requirements (ECE/MP.PRTR/2017/12)**

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Bureau and the Secretariat for the preparation of the synthesis report on the status of Implementation of the Protocol on PRTRs and overview of progress in implementing the strategic plan for 2015-2020.

Recognizing the importance of having clear guidance, the EU and its Member States welcome the draft of the document Decision III/1 on reporting requirements. In particular, the sections on timely submission of implementation reports, with encouragement to the Parties to start preparation of the reports sufficiently in advance, and through a public consultative and transparent process, are considered to be of utmost importance for achieving the Protocol's objectives.

Understanding that the translation of the reports into three official languages puts significant strain on staff resources of the Secretariat and requires the allocation of additional resources from the Convention's trust fund, the EU and its Member States support the decision to request the secretariat to ensure the translation in the three ECE official languages only for the synthesis report. Therefore, we reiterate the invitation to the Parties to provide voluntary translations of their national implementation reports to facilitate better follow-up of the implementation of the Protocol.

We are also in a position to approve the draft Decision III/1 on reporting requirements.

**(b) Compliance mechanism**

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Compliance Committee for the thorough preparation of a draft guidance for reporting on implementation of the Protocol on PRTRs and a draft report on systemic issues concerning the implementation of the Protocol on PRTRs.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our strong support for the work of the Compliance Committee in developing a voluntary guidance for better reporting obligations and implementing the Protocol.



The revised versions of these documents are clear and provide useful guidance and recommendations to the Parties. The EU and its Member States will endeavour to take into account the guidance for the next reporting exercise. We also encourage other parties to do the same.

The EU and its Member States are thus happy to support the adoption of these documents here at MoPP-3.

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