**INTERVENTIONS OF THE DELEGATION**

**OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS**

**Item 3: Promotion and capacity building**

**b) Provision of technical assistance**

*Documentation*

Proposal on promoting the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (ACE/MP.PRTR/2014/L.6)

During the presentation of the above mentioned document it was pointed out the following:

* The first subregional workshop, “Get Your Right to a Healthy Community”, for countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia was held on 3 and 4 November 2011 in Minsk. The goal of the workshop was, inter alia, to identify the key needs of the countries of the subregion in relation to implementing PRTRs and to promote the ratification of the Protocol in these countries.
* Outcomes of the workshop included the major common need for these countries to set up an appropriate institutional structure for the development and implementation of concrete activities under the Protocol for this region.
* It was suggested to create a group of experts from countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, who will develop concrete plan and activities arming at the elaboration of the National PRTRs and the speeding up the accession to the Protocol by these countries.
* As possible sources of financial and other support of these activities will be multiple and might include inter alia:

1. Support of partner organizations participating in the capacity-building coordination under the Aarhus Convention and in the International PRTR Coordinating Group, such as the Regional Environmental Centres, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the United Nations Development Programme, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the United Nations Environment Programme/Global Environment Facility.
2. Funds of international financial institutions and any financial funds at national and international levels.