**Economic Commission for Europe**

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on

Access to Information, Public Participation

in Decision-making and Access to Justice

in Environmental Matters

**Working Group of the Parties**

**Sixteenth meeting**

Geneva, 19-21 June 2013

Item 7 of the provisional agenda:

**Promotion of the principles of the Convention in international forums**

**“3 minute survey” for Parties in preparation for the thematic session on the promotion of the principles of the Convention in international forums**

**Thursday, 20 June 2013, 10.00-13.00**

**Background**

At its fifteenth meeting (Geneva, 3-5 September 2012), the Working Group of the Parties agreed to invite each Party to develop and implement a national action plan to systematically promote the principles of the Convention in all international forums dealing with matters relating to the environment, including those under the competencies of other ministries and not just the most high profile “purely environmental” ones, and to report on the progress achieved to the next meeting of the Working Group.

This short questionnaire is intended to assist Parties to each report to the upcoming sixteenth meeting of the Working Group of the Parties on their progress in developing and implementing such a national action plan. The results of the survey will be presented by the Chair at the meeting. Each Party is invited to complete the questionnaire below, and email the completed form to aarhus.survey@unece.org by **10 June 2013**.

Name of PartyClick here to enter text.

Has your Government commenced the preparation of a national action plan to systematically promote the principles of the Convention in all international forums dealing with matters relating to the environment in which it takes part, including international forums under the competence of other ministries?

*Please check the answer boxes you find the most appropriate. You can check a box by double clicking on the square and selecting ‘checked’. Please add additional comments into the comment boxes provided (by clicking on the italic text in each box).*

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| **[ ] Yes** | **[ ] No** |
| [ ]  National action plan is already complete and in the process of implementation. *Please provide an online link to plan, if available*  | [ ]  Preparation of national action plan is planned for the future, commencing *month / year.* |
| [ ]  National action plan is under preparation and its completion is planned for *month / year.**Please provide an online link to the draft plan, if available*  | [ ]  Alternative mechanisms are in place that your government considers serve the same purpose as a national action plan. *If so, please briefly describe what mechanisms are in place for this purpose.* |
|  | [ ]  Preparation of a national action plan is not yet officially planned and no alternative mechanisms are in place that would serve the same purpose.*If so, please briefly describe what has prevented your government from commencing to prepare a national action plan or to introduce an alternative mechanism.* |