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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Tuesday, 10 December 2013*

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7. Structure, functions and operating rules.
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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

1. This provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA) in agreement with the Implementation Committee Chair, in accordance with the Implementation Committee's operating rules (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/2, annex IV, as amended by decision V/4 (see ECE/MP.EIA/15)). The Implementation Committee under the Convention and the Protocol will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

2. Submissions

2. Discussion under agenda item 2 will not be open to observers, unless the Committee decides otherwise, further to rule 17 of the operating rules.
3. The Committee will examine any submissions by Parties received since the Committee's previous session.

3. Follow-up to decision V/4

4. Discussion under agenda item 3 will not be open to observers, unless the Committee decides otherwise, further to rule 17 of the operating rules.
5. The Committee will first follow up on decision V/4 (ECE/MP.EIA/15, paras. 17–26) with regard to the steps taken by the Government of Ukraine to bring about compliance with its obligations under the Convention, as requested by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its fifth session. It will review the progress report to be submitted by Ukraine in advance of the Committee's session. The Committee is then expected to draft its report to be considered by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its sixth session (Kyiv, 2–5 June 2014) on its evaluation of the progress made by the Government of Ukraine and to develop recommendations for further steps to be taken by Ukraine.
6. The Committee will then follow up on decision V/4 (paras. 27 and 28) with regard to the steps taken by the Government of Armenia to adopt its draft revised legislation for the implementation of the Convention. It will review the information to be provided by Armenia in advance of the Committee's session and, on that basis, draft its report to the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention.
7. The Committee will also follow up on decision V/4 (paras. 29 and 30) with regard to the steps taken by the Government of Romania, together with the Government of Ukraine, to accelerate negotiations to cooperate in the preparation of a bilateral agreement or other arrangement in order to provide further support for the provisions of the Convention. Based on the information to be provided by Romania, the Committee is expected to draft its report to the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention.

4. Committee initiative

8. Discussion under agenda item 4 will not be open to observers, unless the Committee decides otherwise, in accordance with rule 17 of the operating rules.

9. Further to its twenty-eighth session, the Committee will continue the consideration of its initiative on Azerbaijan further to paragraph 6 of the appendix to decision III/2 (ECE/MP.EIA/6, annex II). The Committee is expected to consider the information to be submitted by Azerbaijan on the steps taken for the adoption of its new law on environmental impact assessment.

10. The Committee will then continue the consideration of its initiative on Ukraine, in accordance with the appendix to decision III/2 and the Committee's operating rules. The Committee is expected to draft its findings and recommendations taking into account the information and clarifications to be provided by the Government of Ukraine by 15 October 2013.

5. Review of implementation

11. As part of its examination of the specific compliance issues from the Third Review of Implementation, the Committee is expected to consider written clarifications it requested from Portugal.

6. Information gathering

12. Discussion under agenda item 6 will not be open to observers, except if invited by the Committee.

13. Further to its twenty-eighth session, the Committee is expected to continue its consideration of the information it has gathered regarding activities proposed in Azerbaijan, Lithuania, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

7. Structure, functions and operating rules

14. The Committee is expected to keep under review and, if necessary, to develop its structure and functions as well as its operating rules in the light of experience it has gained, including recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties on the imposition of sanctions for non-compliance (decision V/4, para. 15). Further to its previous session, the Committee is expected to continue the development of the necessary proposals to the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, taking into account any comments that may be provided by the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment at its third meeting (11–15 November 2013).

8. Preparations for the next sessions of the Meetings of the Parties

15. The Committee is expected to continue the preparations for the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, including the finalization of the draft decision on the review of compliance and preparation of the Committee's report on its activities (ECE/MP.EIA/6, annex II, decision III/2, appendix, para. 11).

9. Other business

16. Members of the Committee wishing to raise other business should contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

10. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the session

17. The Committee is expected to agree on the main decisions taken at the meeting and to confirm the date and location of its next session before the Chair formally closes the session.
