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in a Transboundary Context

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on Environmental Impact Assessment in
a Transboundary Context serving as the
Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on
Strategic Environmental Assessment

Implementation Committee**Forty-fifth session**

Geneva, 10–13 September 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session**

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Tuesday, 10 September 2019***

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.

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2. Follow-up to decisions IS/1a, c and f.
3. Submissions.
4. Information gathering:
 - (a) Convention matters;
 - (b) Protocol matters.
5. Review of implementation.
6. Work methods and operating rules.
7. Other business.
8. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the session.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

1. The present provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment in agreement with the Implementation Committee Chair, in accordance with rule 9 of the Implementation Committee's operating rules.¹ The Implementation Committee under the Convention and the Protocol will be invited to adopt its agenda.

2. Follow-up to decisions IS/1a, c and f

2. Discussion under agenda item 3 will not be open to observers, unless the Committee decides otherwise, further to rule 17 of the operating rules.

3. Further to its deliberations at its forty-fourth session (Geneva, 12–15 March 2019), the Committee will follow up on decisions:

(a) IS/1a on compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Convention in respect of its national legislation;

(b) IS/1c on compliance by Azerbaijan with its obligations under the Convention in respect of its national legislation;

(c) IS/1f on compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention in respect of the Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta.

Nations Office at Geneva's Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see map and other practical information available from the Economic Commission for Europe website at <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>). In case of difficulty, please contact the Convention secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 6307.

¹ The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention adopted the Committee's operating rules through decision IV/2 (see ECE/MP.EIA/10) and later amended them through decisions V/4 (see ECE/MP.EIA/15) and VI/2 (see ECE/MP.EIA/20/Add.1-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4/Add.1, annex II). A consolidated version (entitled Structure and functions of the Implementation Committee, and procedures for review of compliance and consolidated operating rules) is available on the Committee's web page (see http://www.unece.org/env/eia/implementation/implementation_committee.html).

3. Submissions

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

5. The Committee will examine any submissions by Parties received since the Committee's previous session.

4. Information gathering

6. Discussion under agenda item 5 will not be open to observers, except if invited by the Committee.

(a) Convention matters

7. The Committee will continue its consideration of the information-gathering cases regarding compliance with the provisions of the Convention by:

(a) Belarus, regarding its law on State ecological expertise, strategic environmental assessment and environmental impact assessment;

(b) Bosnia and Herzegovina, in respect of the planned activities at the Banovici, Stanari, Tuzla and Ugljevik thermal power plants;

(c) Serbia, in relation to the extension of the Drmno open-pit lignite mine;

(d) Spain, concerning the planned construction of a temporary storage facility for radioactive waste at the Almaraz nuclear power plant;

(e) Switzerland, concerning the planned changes at Zurich Airport, and;

(f) Ukraine, regarding the planned construction of nuclear reactors 3 and 4 at the Khmel'nitsky nuclear power plant and the planned construction of a tourism complex in Svydovets.

8. The Committee is also expected to continue its consideration of the information-gathering matters on the extension of the lifetime of nuclear power plants. In particular, it is expected to examine information to be provided by Bulgaria concerning the Kozloduy nuclear power plant and by Ukraine concerning the South Ukrainian, Zaporizhia and Khmel'nitskiy nuclear power plants.

(b) Protocol matters

9. The Committee will continue its deliberations on compliance with the provisions of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment by:

(a) Serbia, regarding its Government's Energy Strategy, the programme for its implementation and the related Spatial Plan;

(b) Ukraine, concerning the Programme of Ukraine for Hydro Energy Development for the Period until 2026.

5. Review of implementation

10. If time permits, the Committee will continue consideration of the general and specific compliance issues identified during the fifth review of implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/25) and the second review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/9) based on proposals to be prepared by the curators in advance of the forty-fifth session.

11. The Committee is also expected to continue its consideration of the specific compliance issue regarding compliance by the European Union with the Protocol identified during the first review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/3).

12. In addition, the Committee will be invited to review and comment on the findings of the draft sixth review of implementation of the Convention and the draft third review of implementation of the Protocol, with a view to providing its comments to the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment, which is expected to consider the reviews at its eighth meeting (Geneva, 26–28 November 2019) and provide the secretariat with guidance on finalizing the drafts.

6. Work methods and operating rules

13. Further to its decision at its forty-fourth session, the Committee will be invited to address possible shortcomings in its proceedings and to prepare suggestions for addressing them with a view to increasing the efficiency of the Committee's work methods and practice.

7. Other business

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

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

15. 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.
