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Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context

Implementation Committee

Ad-hoc session

Minsk, 12 June 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the ad-hoc session

**To be held in Minsk (Hotel Beijing) on Monday, 12 June 2017
from 9 a.m. to 1 pm***

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Review of the general part of the draft decision VII/2.
3. Follow-up to decision VI/2.
4. Committee initiative.
5. Review of implementation.
6. Other business.
7. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the session.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment will be invited to adopt the agenda for the ad-hoc session of the Committee, as set out in the present document. The provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat in agreement with the Implementation Committee Chair, in accordance with rule 9 of the Implementation Committee's operating rules.

* On 9 May 2017, further to its electronic decision making procedure, the Committee decided to convene an ad-hoc session back to back with the seventh session of the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention (Minsk, 13-16 June 2017) to address outstanding issues. Based on information to be expected from Belarus prior to the seventh session of the Meetings of the Parties, the Committee decided to discuss among other issues the follow-up by Belarus with decision VI/2 at that ad-hoc session and cancel the virtual session that it had agreed to convene following the Committee's deliberations on the matter at its thirty-eight session.

2. Review of the general part of the draft decision VII/2

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

In preparation to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (13-16 June 2017, Minsk), the Committee is expected to review the general part of the draft decision VII/2 on review of Compliance with the Convention with a view to facilitate its adoption by the Parties by consensus. In particular, the Committee may consider to enhance clarity of selected provisions of the general part of the decision further to clarifying questions obtained by the Committee's Chair and the secretariat since the Committee's thirty-eighth session (Geneva, 20-22 February 2017).

3. Follow-up to decision VI/2

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

Further to its deliberations at its thirty-eighth session (Geneva, 20-22 February 2017), the Committee is expected to review its recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the follow-up by Belarus with decision VI/2 (paras. 48-64) regarding the Ostrovets nuclear power plant.

In particular, based on information to be provided by Belarus about the outcomes of the Site and External Events Design mission conducted by the International Atomic Energy Agency in Belarus in January 2017, the Committee is expected to review, and, as needed, revisit, the text in annex I to draft decision VII/2 on the review of compliance with the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/8).

4. Committee initiative

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

With a view to informing the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, the Committee may additionally address the issues that were raised by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland since the Committee's thirty-eighth session with respect to the application by the Committee of its operating rules when considering compliance issues and revisiting its draft recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties.

5. Review of implementation

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

Time permitting, taking into account the deliberations at its thirty-eighth session and the outcomes of the Committee's virtual session on 9 March 2017, the Committee may continue its consideration of the specific compliance issue arising from the second review of implementation of the Protocol concerning the reporting obligation of the European Union.

6. Other business

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

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

The Committee is expected to agree on the main decisions taken at the meeting before the Chair formally closes the session.
