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Compliance Committee

Twenty-eighth meeting

Geneva, 15–18 June 2010

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated Provisional Agenda

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 15 June 2010*

I. Provisional agenda

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3. Matters arising from previous meetings.
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9. Matters arising from the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties, including follow-up on specific cases of non-compliance.
10. Programme of work and calendar of meetings.
11. Other business.
12. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document, taking into account any points raised for consideration by representatives of non-governmental organizations present at the meeting as observers.

Item 2. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Committee

The Committee will be invited to share any information on relevant developments since its previous meeting that is not covered under other agenda items.

Item 3. Matters arising from previous meetings

The Committee will be invited to comment on the text of the draft revised Aarhus Convention Implementation Guide. It will also be invited to discuss any other matters arising from its previous meetings that are not covered under other agenda items.

Item 4. Submissions by Parties concerning other Parties

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is expected to consider any submission made by a Party concerning another Party's compliance with its obligations under the Convention, as provided for under decision I/7, annex, paragraph 15, of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PP/2/Add.8).

Item 5. Submissions by Parties concerning their own compliance

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is expected to consider any submission made by a Party concerning its own compliance with the obligations under the Convention, as provided for under decision I/7, annex, paragraph 16.

Item 6. Referrals by the secretariat

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, any referrals made by the secretariat concerning possible non-compliance by individual Parties with their obligations under the Convention, as provided for under decision I/7, annex, paragraph 17.

Item 7. Communications from members of the public

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is mandated to consider communications from the public, as provided for under decision I/7, annex, chapter VI.

(a) The Committee is expected to finalize and adopt its findings and, as appropriate, recommendations with regard to communication ACCC/C/2008/23 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), ACCC/C/2008/35 (Georgia) and ACCC/C/2009/36 (Spain) taking into account comments received from the Parties concerned and the communicants;

(b) The Committee is expected to continue its deliberations on communications ACCC/C/2008/27 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2008/32 (European Union), ACCC/C/2008/33 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2009/37 (Belarus), ACCC/C/2009/38 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2009/41 (Slovakia) and ACCC/C/2009/43 (Armenia) in closed sessions with a view to completing its preparation of draft findings and, if appropriate, recommendations;

(c) The Committee is expected to discuss the substance of communication ACCC/C/2009/39 (Austria). In accordance with decision I/7, annex, chapter IX, paragraph 32, the Party concerned and the communicant are entitled to participate in the discussion on the subject matter of the communication;

(d) The Committee is expected to consider any new information received with regard to communications ACCC/C/2008/28 (Denmark) and ACCC/C/2008/31 (Germany);

(e) The Committee is also expected to consider any new information received with regard to communications ACCC/C/2009/44 (Belarus) and ACCC/C/2010/48 (Austria) and discuss how to proceed with these communications, including the possible timing of discussions on the substance of the cases;

(f) The Committee will discuss any new communications received sufficiently in advance of the meeting, in particular with respect to their admissibility and any issues that may need to be raised with the Party concerned or the communicant;

(g) The Committee may discuss any other issues related to communications, especially ACCC/C/2010/45 and ACCC/C/2010/47.

Item 8. Reporting requirements

In the light of its mandate under decision I/7, annex, paragraph 13 (c) (ECE/MP.PP/2/Add.8), the Committee is expected to consider matters related to the implementation of decision III/5 on reporting requirements (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2/Add.7) and the procedures for the preparation by Parties of their implementation reports for the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

Item 9. Matters arising from the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties, including follow-up on specific cases of non-compliance

The Committee will be invited to discuss any progress with regard to implementation of decisions III/6, III/6a, III/6b, III/6c, III/6d, III/6e and III/6f. The Committee will in particular consider any information received from the Governments of Albania, Armenia, Lithuania, Turkmenistan and Ukraine with regard to implementation of decisions III/6a, III/6b, III/6d, III/6e and III/6f, respectively.

Item 10. Programme of work and calendar of meetings

The Committee is expected to discuss and decide upon its programme of work and identify dates for its future meetings.

Item 11. Other business

Item 12. Adoption of the report
