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MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION,
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING AND
ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Compliance Committee

Twenty-third meeting
Geneva, 31 March–3 April 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 31 March 2009*

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the Convention's website (www.unece.org/env/pp/practical.htm), and to transmit it to the Convention secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting either by fax (+41 22 917 0634) or by e-mail (public.participation@unece.org). On their way to the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office in Geneva Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on the Convention's website). In case of difficulty, please contact the Convention secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1502/2682.

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document, also 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. Other matters arising from previous meetings

The Committee will be invited to discuss any matters arising from its previous meetings.

Item 4. Submissions by Parties concerning other Parties

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, any submissions made by Parties concerning another Party's compliance with its obligations under the Convention, as provided for under paragraph 15 of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

Item 5. Submissions by Parties concerning their own compliance

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, any submissions made by Parties concerning their own compliance with the obligations under the Convention, as provided for under paragraph 16 of the annex to decision I/7.

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 paragraph 17 of the annex to decision I/7.

Item 7. Communications from members of the public

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

- (a) The Committee is expected to finalize and adopt its findings and, as appropriate, recommendations with regard to communication ACCC/C/2007/21 (European Community);
- (b) The Committee is expected to resume its preparation of draft findings and, if appropriate, recommendations with respect to communication ACCC/C/2007/22 (France).
- (c) The Committee is expected to discuss the content of communications ACCC/C/2008/24 (Spain) and ACCC/C/2008/26 (Austria). In accordance with chapter IX of the annex to decision I/7, the Parties concerned and the communicants are entitled to participate in the discussion on the subject matter of the communication, though not in the preparation or adoption of any findings, measures or recommendations of the Committee.
- (d) The Committee is expected to consider any new information received with regard to communications ACCC/C/2008/23 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2008/27 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2008/28 (Denmark), ACCC/C/2008/29 (Poland), ACCC/C/2008/30 (Moldova), ACCC/C/2008/31 (Germany), ACCC/C/2008/32 (European Community) and ACCC/C/2008/33 (United Kingdom).
- (e) The Committee will discuss communications ACCC/C/2008/34 (Spain) and ACCC/C/2008/35 (Georgia) received in December 2008 and 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.
- (f) The Committee may discuss any other issues related to communications.

Item 8. Reporting requirements

The Committee is expected to consider, in the light of its mandate under paragraph 13 (c) of the annex to decision I/7, matters related to the implementation of decision III/5 on reporting requirements and the procedures for the preparation by Parties of their implementation reports for the fourth meeting of the Parties. Pursuant to paragraph 8 of decision III/5, the Committee will review the position regarding the submission of reports by the States that were Parties at the time of the deadline for submission of the implementation reports and that had failed to submit such reports to the secretariat at the time of the third meeting of the Parties.

Item 9. Matters arising from 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. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of decision III/6e and paragraph 5 of decision III/6f, the Committee will, in particular, consider any information received from the Governments of Turkmenistan and Ukraine with a view to establishing whether the conditions set out in these decisions have been successfully fulfilled. The Committee's conclusions with regard to fulfilment of these conditions will determine whether the cautions referred to in paragraph 5 of decision II/6e and paragraph 5 of decision III/6f would become effective on 1 May 2009.

Item 10. Programme of work and calendar of meetings

Item 11. Any other business

Item 12. Adoption of the report
