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Compliance Committee

Fifth meeting

Geneva, 22-23 June 2010

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, in Salle S-1,
starting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 22 June 2010*

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Compliance Committee
3. Review of the outcome of the first reporting exercise in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol on Water and Health
4. Future steps to stimulate compliance among the Protocol's Parties

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5. Report from the Committee to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties
6. Awareness raising on the Compliance procedure
7. Composition of the Compliance Committee
8. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings
9. Any other business

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1

Adoption of the agenda

1. The Compliance Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document.

Item 2

Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Compliance Committee

2. The secretariat will inform the Committee of relevant developments since its fourth meeting.

Item 3

Review of the outcome of the first reporting exercise in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol on Water and Health

3. Committee members who reviewed the different sections of the national summary reports submitted by Parties, signatories and interested countries will inform about their findings, with particular focus on:

(a) Completeness of the summary reports in accordance with requirements set out in the in the article 7 and in the draft guidelines and template for summary reports in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol on Water and Health;

(b) Quality and accuracy of data in the reports;

(c) Procedural aspects of the reporting process, including transparency and public involvement and timeliness in reporting;

(d) Recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties and to specific Parties;

(e) Possible decision on further work on the national summary reports.

4. The results of this review will be included in the Committee's report to the Meeting of the Parties.

Item 4

Future steps to stimulate compliance among the Protocol's Parties

5. The Committee will discuss the implications of the pilot reporting exercise in terms of (non)-compliance of Parties with their obligations under the Protocol and reflect on possible recommendations on this issue to be submitted to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties.

Item 5

Report from the Committee to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties

6. The Committee will discuss a first draft of its report to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties, prepared by the secretariat on the basis of contributions received from the Committee members.
7. In the discussion, the Committee will take into account information from the secretariat on the progress made in the preparation of the first regional report on the implementation of the Protocol.
8. The Committee will agree on the procedure and timeline for finalization of its report to the Meeting of the Parties.

Item 6

Awareness raising on the Compliance procedure

9. The Committee will discuss and finalize the text of an information leaflet on the Compliance procedure.

Item 7

Composition of the Compliance Committee

10. The Committee members will discuss the composition of the Compliance Committee after the second session of the Meeting of the Parties.
11. At its first session, the Meeting of the Parties elected the nine Committee members without specifying which of them were elected for a full term of office and which for a half term only. On an exceptional basis, the Meeting of the Parties requested the Committee members to agree themselves on this issue. According to Decision I/2 on review of compliance, at the second session, Parties should proceed with the election of four committee members. It is expected that the Committee will hold the final consultations for possible solutions of this issue.

Item 8

Programme of work and calendar of future meetings

12. The Committee will discuss its future programme of work, will agree on issues for consideration at its next meetings and will give indications to the secretariat on the next steps to be taken. The Committee will also agree on the dates of its sixth and seventh meetings.

Item 9

Any other business

13. Committee members wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.
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