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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Tuesday, 20 March 2012*

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

1. This provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context in agreement with the Implementation Committee Chair, in accordance with the Implementation Committee's operating rules (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/2, annex IV, as amended by decision V/4, ECE/MP.EIA/15). The Convention's Implementation Committee will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

2. Submissions

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

3. The Implementation Committee will first consider the submission by Lithuania expressing concerns about compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Convention. The two Parties will be invited to participate in the discussion and to present the Committee with information and opinions on the matter under consideration, in accordance with the appendix to decision III/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/6, annex II) and the Committee's operating rules. The Committee will start by considering the submission in a closed session on 20 March in the morning. In the afternoon, it will invite presentations by the concerned Parties and will ask them questions. The Committee will then consider the submission again in a closed session on 21 March, in the morning.

4. Next, the Committee will continue its consideration of the submission by Azerbaijan expressing concerns about Armenia's compliance with its obligations under the Convention. The two Parties will be invited to participate in the discussion and to present the Committee with information and opinions on the matter under consideration, in accordance with the appendix to decision III/2 and the Committee's operating rules. The Committee will start by considering the submission in a closed session on 21 March in the afternoon. On 22 March, in the morning, it will invite presentations by the concerned Parties and will ask them questions. The Committee will then consider the submission again in a closed session on 22 March, in the afternoon.

5. The Committee will then discuss in a closed session organizational matters in connection with the submission by Armenia expressing concerns about Azerbaijan's compliance with its obligations under the Convention. It is expected, in particular, to decide on the exact timing of the hearing of the two Parties scheduled to be held at its twenty-fifth session, in September 2012.

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

3. Committee initiative

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

8. The Committee will continue its consideration of its initiative on Albania further to paragraph 6 of the appendix to decision III/2. On 23 March, in the morning, Albania will be invited to participate at the session to present briefly to the Committee information and

opinions on the matter under consideration, in accordance with the Committee's operating rules, as well as to respond to the Committee's questions.

9. The Committee will also consider further its initiative on Azerbaijan.

4. Review of implementation

10. As requested by the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2, decision V/7), the Committee will continue modifying the current questionnaire on the review of implementation of the Convention, with a view to providing a draft questionnaire on the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol in the period 2010–2012, for consideration by the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment at its first meeting, to be held in April 2012.

5. Information gathering

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

12. Subject to the availability of time, taking into account the deliberations at its twenty-third session,¹ the Committee may wish to continue its consideration of replies from Ukraine and Romania regarding activities proposed in their countries.

6. Other business

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

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

14. 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.

¹ See the report of the twenty-third session (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2011/8), which will be published shortly.