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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-sixth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Monday, 26 November 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 (Espoo Convention) and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA) 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 Implementation Committee under the Convention and the Protocol 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 Implementation Committee.

3. The Committee will first continue its consideration of the submission by Lithuania expressing concerns about compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Convention. The Committee is expected to finalize its findings and recommendations taking into account any comments or representations to be submitted by the Parties in advance of its session.

4. The Committee will then continue its consideration of the submission by Armenia expressing concerns about compliance by Azerbaijan with its obligations under the Convention. The Committee will invite the two Parties to present their information and opinions on the matter under consideration and will ask them questions, 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 26 November, in the afternoon. On 27 November, in the morning, it will invite presentations by the concerned Parties and will ask them questions; in the afternoon, the Committee will consider the submission again in a closed session.

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

3. Committee initiative

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

7. Further to its twenty-fourth session, the Committee will finalize its findings and recommendations on its initiative on Albania, taking into account the comments and representations to be submitted by Albania by 15 September 2012.

8. The Committee may also wish to continue its consideration of its initiative on Azerbaijan further to paragraph 6 of the appendix to decision III/2.

4. Follow-up to decision V/4 regarding individual Parties

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

10. The Committee is expected to follow up on decision V/4 with regard to the steps taken by the Government of Ukraine to bring about compliance with its obligations under the Convention.

5. Information gathering

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

12. Taking into account the deliberations at its twenty-fifth session, and as appropriate, the Committee may wish to continue its consideration of the information it has gathered from Ukraine, Romania and Lithuania regarding proposed activities in their countries.

6. Review of implementation

13. If necessary, as part of its examination of the specific compliance issues from the Third Review of Implementation, the Committee will continue its consideration of the issue of written clarifications from Portugal, pending since 15 November 2011.

7. Other business

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

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

15. 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.
