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on Environmental Impact Assessment  
in a Transboundary Context

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention  
on Environmental Impact Assessment in  
a Transboundary Context serving as the  
Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on  
Strategic Environmental Assessment

### Implementation Committee

#### Thirty-first session

Geneva, 2–4 September 2014

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

## Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-first session\*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.  
on Tuesday, 2 September 2014\*\*

### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.

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## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

1. The present 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,<sup>1</sup> in accordance with rule 9 of the Implementation Committee's operating rules (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/2, annex IV, as amended by decision V/4 (see ECE/MP.EIA/15)). The Implementation Committee under the Convention and the Protocol will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out herein.

### **2. Membership of the Implementation Committee**

2. The members of the Implementation Committee are expected to introduce themselves. The Committee will then elect its Chair and Vice-Chairs.

3. The Chair will introduce the new members of the Committee to the key documents used by the Committee.

### **3. Review of decisions by the Meetings of the Parties**

4. The Committee will review decisions taken by the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and by the second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, particularly on the review of implementation, the review of compliance, the adoption of the workplan and on the budget and financial arrangements, as included in the report of the two sessions (ECE/MP.EIA/20–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4 (forthcoming)). The Committee is expected to plan its work accordingly and to assign roles to its members.

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<sup>1</sup> Acting in that role until the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Geneva, 2–5 June 2013).

#### **4. Follow-up to decision VI/2**

5. Discussion under agenda item 4 will not be open to observers, unless the Committee decides otherwise, further to rule 17 of the operating rules.

6. The Committee is expected to follow up on decision VI/2 with regard to actions to be taken by individual Parties, including by possibly requesting Parties to submit reports to the Implementation Committee.

#### **5. Submissions**

7. Discussion under agenda item 5 will not be open to observers, unless the Committee decides otherwise, further to rule 17 of the operating rules.

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

#### **6. Committee initiative**

9. Discussion under agenda item 6 will not be open to observers, unless the Committee decides otherwise, in accordance with rule 17 of the operating rules.

10. Further to its decision at its thirtieth session (Geneva, 25–27 February 2014) to begin a Committee initiative (see paragraph 6 of the Committee's structure and functions) with regard to the planned construction of the Hinkley Point C nuclear power plant (NPP) by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Committee is expected to prepare for the discussion scheduled to take place at the Committee's thirty-second session (Geneva, 9–11 December 2014) and agree on questions to be sent to the United Kingdom before the session.

#### **7. Information gathering**

11. Discussion under agenda item 7 will not be open to observers, except if invited by the Committee.

12. Further to its thirtieth session, the Committee may continue its consideration of the information it has gathered regarding the planned construction of nuclear reactors 3 and 4 at the Khmelnytskyi NPP in Ukraine and the proposed reopening of a goldmine using cyanide technology in Muzhiyovo, Ukraine, close to the border with Hungary.

13. The Committee is also expected to consider information submitted by a Romanian non-governmental organization (NGO) regarding a proposed activity in Serbia and by a Dutch NGO regarding a proposed activity in the Netherlands.

#### **8. Review of implementation**

14. The secretariat will bring to the attention of the Committee general and specific compliance issues identified in the fourth review of implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2014/3) and the first review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/3). The Committee is expected to take these into account in its work in accordance with decision VI/1 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and decision II/1 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. In line with decisions VI/1 and II/1, as well as with decision VI/3–II/3, the Committee is also expected to revise and simplify the current questionnaire(s) and

to provide modified version(s) of the questionnaires on the implementation of the Convention and as appropriate, the Protocol, during the period 2013–2015 for consideration by the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment (in May 2015) and for circulation by the secretariat thereafter (see ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2013/7, para. 14). In doing so, the Implementation Committee should take into account the suggestions provided by Parties for improving the questionnaire and the report (see ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2013/INF.4).

## **9. Other business**

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

## **10. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the session**

16. 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.

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