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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-second session Geneva, 9–11 December 2014 Item 1 of the provisional agenda Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-second session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 9 December 2014*

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.

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- 2. Membership of the Implementation Committee.
- 3. Follow-up to decision VI/2.
- 4. Submissions.
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- 7. Review of implementation.
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- 9. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the session.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

1. The Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA) will be invited to adopt the agenda for its thirty-second session as set out in the present document. The provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat in agreement with the Implementation Committee Chair, 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)).

2. Membership of the Implementation Committee

2. The Committee is expected to elect its two Vice-Chairs.

3. Follow-up to decision VI/2

- 3. Discussion under agenda item 4 will not be open to observers unless the Committee decides otherwise, further to rule 17 of the operating rules.
- 4. The Committee is expected to follow up on decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention with regard to actions to be taken by individual Parties, including by possibly requesting Parties to submit reports to the Implementation Committee.

4. Submissions

- 5. Discussion under agenda item 5 will not be open to observers, unless the Committee decides otherwise, further to rule 17 of the operating rules.
- 6. The Committee will examine any submissions by Parties received since the Committee's previous session.

5. Committee initiative

7. 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.

8. The Committee is expected to continue consideration of its Committee initiative 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. Further to its decision at its thirty-first session (Geneva, 2–4 September 2014) to reschedule a possible hearing with the United Kingdom, the Committee is expected to consider whether a discussion with the United Kingdom should take place at the Committee's thirty-third session (Geneva, 17–19 March 2015).

6. Information gathering

- 9. Discussion under agenda item 7 will not be open to observers, except if invited by the Committee.
- 10. Taking into account the deliberations at its thirty-first session, the Committee is expected to continue its examination of the information it has gathered regarding the planned construction of nuclear reactors 3 and 4 at the Khmelnytskyi NPP in Ukraine and on the proposed reopening of a goldmine using cyanide technology in Muzhiyevo, Ukraine, close to the border with Hungary, as well as 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

7. Review of implementation

- 11. The Committee is expected to continue its consideration of the 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).
- 12. The Committee will receive a brief update on the modification by Committee members of the draft 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).

8. Other business

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

9. 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.

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