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Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on
Strategic Environmental Assessment

Implementation Committee

Thirty-sixth session

Geneva, 5–7 September 2016


Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

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Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Monday, 5 September 2016***

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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 and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment will be invited to adopt the agenda for its thirty-sixth 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. Follow-up to decision VI/2

2. Discussion under agenda item 2 will not be open to observers unless the Committee decides otherwise, further to rule 17 of the operating rules.

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3. The Committee is expected to follow up on decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (see ECE/MP.EIA/20.Add.1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4.Add.1) with regard to actions to be taken by Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus and Ukraine.

4. In particular, on the basis of information provided by these Parties with regard to their implementation of decision VI/2, in preparing its report to the Meeting of the Parties the Committee is expected to deliberate on its evaluation of and recommendations regarding the following items: (a) the steps taken by the Government of Ukraine to comply with its obligations under the Convention in relation to the Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta (Bystroe Canal Project); (b) the follow-up by Ukraine in respect of the extension of the lifetime of the Rivne nuclear power plant; (c) the legislation adopted by Armenia for the implementation of the Convention; (d) any steps taken by Armenia, subsequent to the notification, in the transboundary environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure with respect to the construction of the nuclear power plant in Metsamor; (e) the legislation adopted by Azerbaijan in accordance with the Convention; and (f) the steps undertaken by Belarus and Lithuania with regard to the construction of the Ostrovets nuclear power plant.

3. Submissions

5. Discussion under agenda item 3 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.

4. Committee initiative

7. Discussion under agenda item 4 will not be open to observers, unless the Committee decides otherwise, in accordance with rule 17 of the operating rules.

8. The Committee will continue consideration of its initiative on Serbia with regard to the planned construction of a lignite power plant by the Danube River in north-east Serbia, close to the border with Romania. The Committee is expected to have before it additional information to be provided by Serbia by 29 July 2016 regarding the new unit at the Kostolac power plant and the extension of the open-pit lignite mine associated with it. The Committee is expected to consider whether a discussion with Serbia should take place at the Committee's thirty-seventh session (Geneva, 12–14 December 2016).

5. Information gathering

9. Discussion under agenda item 5 will not be open to observers, except if invited by the Committee.

10. Taking into account the deliberations at its thirty-fifth session (Geneva, 15–17 March 2016), the Committee is expected to continue its examination of the information it has gathered regarding the extension of the lifetime of the Borssele nuclear power plant in the Netherlands. In addition, on the basis of additional information to be provided by Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina by 29 July 2016, the Committee is expected to continue consideration of the information-gathering cases regarding compliance by Serbia with the provisions of the Protocol in relation to the adoption of its energy strategy and energy plan and regarding compliance by Bosnia and Herzegovina with the provisions of the Convention in relation to the planned activities concerning the Ugljevik and Stanari thermal power plants.

11. The Committee is also expected to consider information submitted by the German federal states of North Rhine-Westfalia and Rhineland-Palatinate regarding the extension of the lifetime of the Doel and Tihange nuclear power plants in Belgium.

6. Review of implementation

12. 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). In particular, the Committee will continue its consideration of the specific issues regarding compliance by Cyprus with the Convention and compliance by the European Union with the Protocol.

7. Preparations for the next sessions of the Meetings of the Parties

13. The first Vice-Chair will report on the outcome of the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment, held from 11 to 15 April 2016 in Geneva. In accordance with its structure and functions and procedures for the review of compliance, the Committee is expected to discuss preparations for the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, to be held in Minsk from 13 to 16 June 2017, including the drafting of a decision on the review of compliance and preparation of the Committee's report on its activities (ECE/MP.EIA/6, annex II, decision III/2, appendix, para. 11).

8. Other business

14. 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

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.
