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Meeting of the Parties to the Convention 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-third session Geneva, 17–19 March 2015 Item 1 of the provisional agenda Adoption of the agenda

# Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-third session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 March 2015\*

# I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.

\* There are accreditation procedures for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Members of the Committee and observers are therefore requested to register online at least two weeks before the start of the meeting, i.e. by 3 March 2015 through the following link: https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=IZNDCn (the use of Internet Explorer browser is recommended. In case of difficulty, please refer to the user manual (https://www2.unece.org/wiki/display/OMR/Online+Meeting+Registration+Guidelines) or contact the secretariat by e-mail (nadiya.dzyubynska@unece.org)). On their way to the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva's Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see map and other practical information available from the ECE website at http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm). In case of difficulty, please contact the Convention secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 4128.



- 2. Follow-up to decision VI/2.
- 3. Submissions.
- 4. Committee initiative.
- 5. Information gathering.
- 6. Review of implementation.
- 7. Other business.
- 8. 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-third 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.

3. 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.

#### 3. Submissions

4. Discussion under agenda item 3 will not be open to observers, unless the Committee decides otherwise, further to rule 17 of the operating rules.

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

#### 4. Committee initiative

6. 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.

7. Further to its thirty-second session, in accordance with the appendix to decision III/2 and the Committee's operating rules, the Committee will consider its initiative on the United Kingdom Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with regard to the planned construction of the Hinkley Point C nuclear power plant (NPP). The Committee will invite the United Kingdom to present information and opinions on the matter under consideration and will ask questions. The Committee will consider the matter and in absence of the United Kingdom it will proceed to draft its findings and recommendations.

### 5. Information gathering

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

9. Taking into account the deliberations at its thirty-second 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. It will also consider information submitted by a Romanian non-governmental organization (NGO) concerning the planned construction by Serbia of a lignite power plant in north-east Serbia, by the River Danube, close to the border with Romania; information submitted by a Dutch NGO regarding the extension of the lifetime of the Borssele NPP in the Netherlands; and information submitted by an NGO in Bosnia and Herzegovina regarding the planned activities by Bosnia and Herzegovina concerning the Ugljevik and Stanari thermo-power plants.

### 6. Review of implementation

10. 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).

11. It is also expected to consider the revised versions of the draft questionnaires on the implementation of the Convention and, as appropriate, the Protocol, during the period 2013–2015. The draft questionnaires will then be submitted to the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment for review in May 2015, after which the final text will be circulated by the secretariat to Parties (see ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2013/7, para. 14).

#### 7. Other business

12. 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

13. 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.