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

Implementation Committee

Thirty-fifth session

Geneva, 15–17 March 2016

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda



Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-fifth session

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Tuesday, 15 March 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 (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA) will be invited to adopt the agenda for its thirty-fifth 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, the Committee will invite Belarus and Lithuania to discuss the steps they have undertaken to implement the recommendations (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2013/2, annex) adopted at the Committee's twenty-seventh session (Geneva, 12–14 March 2013) and the recommendations of the Meeting of the Parties set out in decision VI/2 (see paras. 51–64). It will also invite Ukraine to discuss the steps undertaken by it to comply with its obligations under the Convention, in accordance with decision VI/2 (paras. 15–28). According to the preliminary schedule of the meeting, the Committee will first consider compliance by Belarus and Ukraine in a closed session, on 15 March, in the morning. It will then hold its discussion with the delegation of Ukraine on 15 March, in the afternoon, and with the delegations of Belarus and Lithuania on 16 March, in the morning.

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 the consideration of its initiative on the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in accordance with the Committee's structure and functions and the procedures for the review of compliance (see MP.EIA/2004/3, decision III/2, appendix, para. 6), as well as the Committee's operating rules. The Committee is expected to finalize its findings and recommendations, taking into account the information and clarifications to be provided by the Government of the United Kingdom in advance of the session.

9. The Committee will continue consideration of its initiative on Serbia with regard to the planned construction of a lignite power plant in north-east Serbia, by the River Danube, close to the border with Romania.

5. Information gathering

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

11. Taking into account the deliberations at its thirty-fourth session (Geneva, 8–10 December 2015), 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. It is also 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.

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 and Portugal with the Protocol.

7. Other business

13. 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

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.
