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

Implementation Committee

Forty-second session

Geneva, 11–14 September 2018

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-second session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on
Tuesday, 11 September 2018*

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.

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2. Revision of draft decision VII/2 on the review of compliance with the Convention.
3. Submissions.
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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 its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, in agreement with the Implementation Committee Chair, in accordance with rule 9 of the Implementation Committee's operating rules.¹ The Implementation Committee under the Convention and the Protocol will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out herein.

2. Pursuant to rule 17 of the operating rules, which provides that “[p]arts of meetings dealing with specific submissions relating to compliance should not be open to observers, unless the Committee and the Party whose compliance is in question agree otherwise. [...] This rule should be applied, mutatis mutandis, in case of a Committee initiative”, the discussion under agenda items 2 and 3 will not be open to observers unless otherwise decided by the Committee.

2. Revision of draft decision VII/2 on the review of compliance with the Convention

3. In follow-up to its forty-first session (Geneva, 13–16 March 2018), the Committee is expected to finalize the revision of draft decision VII/2 on the review of compliance with the Convention² for consideration at the intermediary session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (Geneva, 5–7 February 2018). In so doing, the Committee is expected to take into account the work already carried out and the progress made before, during and after the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties (Minsk, 13–16 June 2017).³ It should also reflect on the information and comments provided in advance of its present session, including at the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment (Geneva, 28–30 May 2018).

¹ The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention adopted the Committee's operating rules through decision IV/2 (see ECE/MP.EIA/10) and later amended them through decisions V/4 (see ECE/MP.EIA/15) and VI/2 (see ECE/MP.EIA/20/Add.1-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4/Add.1, annex II). A consolidated version is available on the Committee's web page (under Structure and functions of the Implementation Committee, and procedures for review of compliance and consolidated operating rules: http://www.unece.org/env/eia/implementation/implementation_committee.html).

² ECE/MP.EIA/2017/8.

³ See ECE/MP.EIA/23-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7, para. 27.

4. As decided at its forty-first session, the Committee will submit to the Meeting of the Parties one general and several country-specific draft decisions, as follows:

- (a) Draft decision IS/1 on general issues of compliance with the Convention;
- (b) Draft decision IS/1a on compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Convention in respect of its national legislation;
- (c) Draft decision IS/1b on compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Convention in respect of a nuclear power plant in Metsamor;
- (d) Draft decision IS/1c on compliance by Azerbaijan with its obligations under the Convention in respect of its national legislation;
- (e) Draft decision IS/1d on compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Convention in respect of the Belarusian nuclear power plant in Ostrovets;
- (f) Draft decision IS/1e on compliance by Serbia with its obligations under the Convention in respect of the Kostolac lignite power plant;
- (g) Draft decision IS/1f on compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention in respect of the Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta;
- (h) Draft decision IS/1g on compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention in respect of extension of the lifetime of the Rivne nuclear power plant;
- (i) Draft decision IS/1h on compliance by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with its obligations under the Convention in respect of the Hinkley Point C nuclear plant project.⁴

3. Submissions

5. The Committee will examine any submissions received from Parties since its previous session.

4. Information-gathering

6. Discussion under agenda item 4 will not be open to observers except at the invitation of the Committee.

(a) Convention matters

7. The Committee Chair and the secretariat will report on progress in the preparation of guidance on the applicability of the Convention to the lifetime extension of nuclear power plants, including the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Working Group⁵ and the meeting of the ad-hoc working group (Berlin, 20–21 June 2018). The Committee will be invited to consider ways to support the work of the ad-hoc group.

⁴ Draft decisions IS/1a, IS/1b, IS/1c, IS/1d, IS/1f and IS/1g constitute follow-up to decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on review of compliance with the Convention regarding Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus and Ukraine (ECE/MP.EIA/20/Add.1-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4/Add.1 and Corr.1.); and draft decisions IS/1e and IS/1h on the Committee initiatives on Serbia (EIA/IC/CI/6) and the United Kingdom (EIA/IC/CI/5). Information on these compliance cases is available from http://www.unece.org/env/eia/implementation/implementation_committee_matters.html.

⁵ See ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2018/4, annex I (forthcoming).

8. If time permits, the Committee will continue its consideration of the information-gathering cases regarding:

(a) Extension of the lifetime of reactors at the Borssele nuclear power plant in the Netherlands, the Doel and Tihange nuclear power plants in Belgium, the Dukovany nuclear power plant in Czechia, the Santa Maria de Garoña nuclear power plant in Spain and the Rivne, South Ukrainian, Zaporizhia and Khelmnitskiy nuclear power plants in Ukraine

(b) Compliance with the provisions of the Convention by Bosnia and Herzegovina, in respect of the planned activities at the Ugljevik and Stanari thermal power plants; by Spain, concerning the planned construction of individual temporary storage for radioactive waste at the Almaraz nuclear power plant; and by Belarus, regarding the recently adopted law on State ecological expertise, strategic environmental assessments and environmental impact assessments

(c) Information by a non-governmental organization (NGO) from Bosnia and Herzegovina, regarding two proposed activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina; by a German civil initiative, regarding a proposed activity in Switzerland; and by a Romanian NGO, regarding a proposed activity in Bulgaria.

(b) Protocol matters

9. If time permits, the Committee may continue its deliberations on compliance with the provisions of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment by Serbia in respect of the Serbian Energy Development Strategy and its Spatial Plan. It may also begin its consideration of the information submitted by an NGO from the Republic of Moldova regarding a programme related to hydropower development in Ukraine.

5. Review of implementation

10. If time permits, the Committee may continue its consideration of the issue of compliance by the European Union with the Protocol, identified in the first review of its implementation (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/3),⁶ and of the general and specific compliance issues identified during the fifth review of implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/25) and the second review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/9), based on proposals to be prepared by the curators in advance of the fortieth session.

6. Other business

11. Members of the Committee who wish to raise other business should contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

7. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the session

12. 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.

⁶ The draft document was subsequently adopted without changes by the Meeting of the Parties at its sixth session (Geneva, 2–5 June 2014). The first review is available on the ECE website: http://www.unece.org/env/eia/implementation/review_implementation.html and <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=40641>.