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in a Transboundary Context

Seventh session

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

Third session

Minsk, 13–16 June 2017

Item 2 (c) of the provisional agenda

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda 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 the Beijing Hotel, Minsk, starting on Tuesday,
13 June 2017, starting at 3 p.m.***

* Delegates attending the sessions are requested to register online by no later than 1 May 2017 through the following link: <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=bfPc94>. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by e-mail (eia.conv@unece.org). Only registered participants will have access to the meeting venue (Beijing Hotel, 36, Krasnoarmeiskaya Street, Minsk (<http://beijinghotelminsk.com/en/>)). Prior to the meeting, registered delegates are invited to collect an entry badge from the reception desk, located in the hotel lobby, by presenting an identification card with a photograph or a passport. On-site registration and collection of badges will be possible as of Monday, 12 June 2017, in the morning. Detailed information on all the logistical and practical matters is available

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I. Provisional agenda

General segment

1. Opening of the sessions.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Election of the Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention for the general segment;
 - (b) Election of the Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol for the general segment;
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (d) Report on credentials;
 - (e) Status of the Convention and its amendments and the Protocol.
3. Outstanding issues:
 - (a) Draft joint decisions:
 - (i) Draft decision on the adoption of the workplan;
 - (ii) Draft decision on the budget, financial arrangements and financial assistance;
 - (iii) Draft decision on the development of a strategy and an action plan for the future application of the Convention and the Protocol;
 - (iv) Draft decision on guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects;
 - (b) Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention:
 - (i) Draft decision on the review of compliance with the Convention;
 - (ii) Other draft decisions;
 - (c) Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol;
 - (d) Draft Minsk declaration;
 - (e) Nomination of officers;
 - (f) Tentative calendar of meetings for the next intersessional period.
4. Panel discussion on the contribution of the Convention and the Protocol to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the future of the treaties.
5. Review of the workplan:
 - (a) Subregional cooperation and capacity-building;
 - (b) Exchange of good practices;
 - (c) Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol.
6. Review of compliance, implementation and the activities of the Implementation Committee.

from the host country website (<http://mopminsk.ck.by>). In case of related queries, please contact the host country secretariat, by e-mail (mice@ck.by) or by telephone: +375 29 911 5654.

High-level segment

7. Opening ceremony for the high-level segment:
 - (a) Election of officers for the high-level segment;
 - (b) Introductory speeches;
 - (c) Report on the panel discussion on the contribution of the Convention and the Protocol to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the future of the treaties.
8. Panel discussion on the role of the Protocol and the Convention in addressing climate change.
9. Statements by ministers and high-level representatives.
10. Adoption of decisions:
 - (a) Decisions to be taken jointly;
 - (b) Decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention;
 - (c) Decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.
11. Adoption of the declaration.
12. Election of officers for the next intersessional period.
13. Date and venue of the next meetings.
14. Other business.
15. Conclusion of the session:
 - (a) Adoption of the outline report of the session;
 - (b) Closing of the session.

II. Proposed organization of the sessions: overview

1. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol) will meet in conjunction in a single meeting room within a sessional period from 13 to 16 June 2017:
 - (a) The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, for its seventh session;
 - (b) The Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol for its third session.
2. Delegates will be invited to be present throughout the sessional period.
3. After the opening of the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, the Meetings of the Parties will be invited to elect their respective chairs for the general segment.
4. The Meetings of the Parties will convene in joint and individual meetings, in sequence, until the high-level segment is convened.
5. The high-level segment will open on the morning of Friday, 16 June, and continue until 6 p.m. The Meetings of the Parties will convene in joint and individual meetings, in sequence, including for the adoption of decisions and a declaration, and for the holding of a

panel discussion. Ministers and other heads of delegation will be invited to deliver statements to a joint meeting of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

6. All meeting documentation and the programme of the side event (or events) will be made available on a web page for the meeting on the Convention's website.¹ Additional practical information can be accessed from the host country's website.²

III. Annotations to the provisional agenda

General segment

1. Opening of the sessions

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 13 June, afternoon

7. The seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will be opened by the Chair of the Bureau.

2. Organizational matters

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 13 June, afternoon

(a) Election of the Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention for the general segment

8. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention will be invited to elect its Chair for the general segment.

(b) Election of the Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol for the general segment

9. The Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will be invited to elect its Chair for the general segment.

10. The Meetings of the Parties will then convene in a joint meeting to address the organizational matters set out below.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

11. The Meetings of the Parties are expected to adopt the agendas for their respective sessions contained in the present document. The provisional agenda was drafted by the secretariat, in agreement with the Bureau, taking into account views expressed by the Parties during the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment (Geneva, 7–10 November 2016).

¹ See http://www.unece.org/env/eia/meetings/mop_7.html#/.

² See <http://mopminsk.ck.by>.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda 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 Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/22–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/6)

Informal notes on the agenda (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/INF.1)

(d) Report on credentials

12. According to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2, annex I), which applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Meeting of the Parties to Protocol, the credentials of representatives of Parties, and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, are to be submitted to the secretariat if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation must also be submitted to the secretariat. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the minister of foreign affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization. The Bureau will examine the credentials and report on them to the Meeting (see rule 17 of the rules of procedure). Representatives are entitled to participate provisionally in the session, pending a decision by the Meeting to accept their credentials (see rule 18). Only Parties with valid credentials will be able to participate in the adoption of a decision or declaration. Parties are also invited to send the secretariat a copy of the credentials two weeks prior to the session.

13. The Meetings of the Parties will be invited to take note of the report by the secretariat on credentials of the representatives of Parties attending the Meetings of the Parties. Representatives may participate provisionally, pending this action.

(e) Status of the Convention and its amendments and the Protocol

14. The secretariat will inform participants about the status of ratification of the Convention and the declarations made by Parties upon deposit of their instruments of ratification of the Convention since the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties (Geneva, 2–5 June 2014). The secretariat will similarly inform the Meetings of the Parties about the status of ratification of the amendments to the Convention adopted at the second and third sessions of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention.

15. The secretariat will then report on the status of ratification of the Protocol and the declarations made by Parties upon deposit of their instruments of ratification of the Protocol.

16. Delegations will be invited to report on planned ratifications of the Convention, its amendments and its Protocol.

17. The secretariat will report on interest in acceding to the Convention expressed by any United Nations Member State that is not a member of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

Documentation

Status of ratification of the Convention, its amendments and its Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/INF.2)

3. Outstanding issues

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 13 June, afternoon; Wednesday, 14 June, morning; and, as necessary, Thursday, 15 June, morning

(a) Draft joint decisions

(i) Draft decision on the adoption of the workplan

18. The Meetings of the Parties will be invited to review the draft workplan for the period 2017–2020, amended by the Bureau taking into account the comments made during and after the sixth meeting of the Working Group. They will also be invited to review the activities with no confirmed funding listed in a “waiting list” annexed to the draft workplan. The Meetings of the Parties are expected to finalize the workplan, making sure that for each sub-activity full information is provided on the organizational arrangements, expected outcome, time schedule and budget.

19. The secretariat will present an informal assessment of the degree to which the workplan adopted at the sixth and second sessions of the Meetings of the Parties has been completed.

20. The Meetings of the Parties are then expected to discuss and finalize draft decision VII/3–III/3 on the adoption of the workplan.

Documentation

Draft joint decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/1)

Report on the budget and financial arrangements in the period since the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/3–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/3)

Informal assessment of the completion of the workplan (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/INF.3)

Status of contributions to the trust fund (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/INF.4)

(ii) Draft decision on the budget, financial arrangements and financial assistance

21. The secretariat will present its report on the budget and financial arrangements in the period since the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Geneva, 2–5 June 2014).

22. The Meetings of the Parties are expected to review and finalize draft decision VII/4–III/4 on the budget, financial arrangements and financial assistance, amended by the Bureau. In doing so, they are invited to take account of the earlier deliberations on the workplan, under item 3 (c) (i) above.

23. Delegations will then be invited to pledge contributions to the budget.

Documentation

Draft joint decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/1)

Report on the budget and financial arrangements in the period since the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/3–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/3)

Status of contributions to the trust fund (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/INF.4)

Preliminary information on pledged contributions for the period 2017–2020 (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/INF.5)

- (iii) *Draft decision on the development of a strategy and an action plan for the future application of the Convention and the Protocol*

24. The Meetings of the Parties will be invited to review and finalize draft decision VII/7–III/6 on the development of a strategy and an action plan for the future application of the Convention and the Protocol, as finalized by the Bureau taking account of the related conclusions of the Working Group at its sixth meeting.

Documentation

Draft joint decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/1)

- (iv) *Draft decision on guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects*

25. Delegations will be invited to comment on the draft joint decision VII/5–III/5 on guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects, and the related general and technical guidance documents.

Documentation

Draft joint decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/1)

Draft general guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/6–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/6)

Draft technical guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/11–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/10)

(b) Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention

- (i) *Draft decision on the review of compliance with the Convention*

26. The Chair of the Implementation Committee will present draft decision VII/2 on the review of compliance with the Convention prepared by the Committee at its thirty-eighth session (Geneva, 20–22 February 2017) and any additional information of relevance received after that session. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention is expected to discuss and finalize the draft decision.

Documentation

Draft decision on the review of compliance with the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/8)

- (ii) *Other draft decisions*

27. Delegations will be invited to comment on other draft decisions and associated documents under consideration by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (decision VII/1 on reporting and review of implementation of the Convention and decision VII/6 on application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities).

Documentation

Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/7)

Good practice recommendations on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/10)

Practical examples of the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/INF.6)

(c) Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

28. The Chair of the Implementation Committee will present draft decision III/2 on the review of compliance with the Protocol prepared by the Committee. Delegations will be invited to comment on draft decisions under consideration by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

29. The Meetings of the Parties will then convene in a joint meeting and are expected to discuss and agree on the outstanding issues set out below prior to the high-level segment.

Documentation

Draft decision on reporting and review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/7)

Draft decision on the review of compliance with the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/8)

(d) Draft Minsk declaration

30. Delegations will be invited to comment the draft Minsk declaration, as amended by the Bureau. The Meetings of the Parties are expected to finalize the text of the draft declaration, taking into account the earlier deliberations on draft decisions.

Documentation

Draft Minsk declaration (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/2–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/2)

(e) Nomination of officers

31. The Chairs for the general segment will invite delegations to nominate a chair and a number of vice-chairs of the Bureau. They will suggest that the Bureau include the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Working Group. In addition, the general segment Chairs will propose that the Chair and the first Vice-Chair of the Implementation Committee — once elected by the Committee — be members of the Bureau. Furthermore, they will suggest that the Chair of the Working Group be a representative of a State or a regional economic integration organization that is a Party to both the Convention and the Protocol.

32. Following each nomination, the Chairs will ask the secretariat to inform the Meetings of the Parties of whether the State nominated is a Party to the Convention or the Protocol. Once sufficient nominations have been made, the Chairs will invite the Meetings of the Parties to consider the endorsement of the nominations in turn. Formal election of the Bureau members will take place in the high-level segment (item 12).

33. The above procedure will be repeated for the new members of the Implementation Committee.

34. The Meetings of the Parties may wish to consider whether there is a need to mandate the Bureau in consultation with the Working Group to define or clarify during the next intersessional period the tasks, terms of office, number and possible selection criteria for Bureau members, in order to ensure the optimal functioning of the Bureau.

Documentation

Informal list of nominations (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/INF.7)

(f) Tentative calendar of meetings for the next intersessional period

35. The Meetings of the Parties may agree a tentative calendar of meetings of their subsidiary bodies in the intersessional period. Delegations may also wish to put forward proposals for hosting such meetings.

Documentation

Provisional schedule of meetings (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/INF.8)

4. Panel discussion on the contribution of the Convention and the Protocol to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the future of the treaties

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 14 June, afternoon

36. A panel comprising experts from Governments and intergovernmental organizations, together with representatives from NGOs and other stakeholders, will be invited to discuss the contribution of the Convention and the Protocol to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and to reflect on the future of the treaties. Participants are expected to consider how to further improve the effective implementation of the two treaties to best fulfil their objectives and contribute to addressing present and future challenges. The panel discussion will notably illustrate ways in which the Protocol, in particular, can contribute to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals and their specific targets, and explore ways to expand the awareness and the application of that treaty as an important mechanism to that end.

37. Delegations will be invited to make short interventions from the floor in response to the expert presentations.

Documentation

Information note for the panel discussion on the contribution of the Convention and the Protocol to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and the future of the treaties (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/INF.9)

5. Review of the workplan

Tentative timing: Thursday, 15 June, morning

38. The secretariat will report on the implementation of the current workplan (see ECE/MP.EIA/20/Add.3–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4/Add.3, decision VI/3–II/3). The secretariat will itemize the sub-activities of the workplan, specifying whether each was implemented as foreseen.

Documentation

Informal assessment of the completion of the workplan (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/INF.3)

Summary report on technical assistance and capacity-building activities (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/5–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/5)

(a) **Subregional cooperation and capacity-building**

39. Delegations will be invited to report on progress in organizing subregional cooperation and capacity-building workshops since the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment, in November 2016.

(b) **Exchange of good practices**

40. Delegations will be invited to report on progress in organizing events for the exchange of good practices since the sixth meeting of the Working Group.

(c) **Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol**

41. Delegations will be invited to report on progress in organizing workshops, including training, implementing pilot strategic environmental assessments and preparing fact sheets and national guidance documents on the application of strategic environmental assessment since the sixth meeting of the Working Group.

6. Review of compliance, implementation and the activities of the Implementation Committee

Tentative timing: Thursday, 15 June, morning and afternoon

42. Delegations will be invited to report on progress in developing and adopting legislation for the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol further to technical assistance facilitated by the secretariat.

43. The Chair of the Implementation Committee will report on the Committee's activities in the period since the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

44. The secretariat will report on its finalization of the fifth review of implementation of the Convention and the second review of implementation of the Protocol in the period 2013-2015, taking into account the comments made by delegations during and after the sixth meeting of the Working Group.

Documentation

Fifth review of implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/9)

Second review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/9)

Report on the activities of the Implementation Committee (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/4–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/4)

High-level segment

7. Opening ceremony for the high-level segment

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 June, morning

(a) **Election of officers for the high-level segment**

45. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention will be invited to elect its chair for the high-level segment.

46. The Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will be invited to elect its chair for the high-level segment.

47. The Meetings of the Parties will then convene in a joint meeting.

(b) Introductory speeches

48. The high-level segment of the Meetings of the Parties will begin with opening statements by invited ministers and the Executive Secretary of ECE.

(c) Report on the panel discussion on the contribution of the Convention and the Protocol to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the future of the treaties

49. The rapporteur will report back to the high-level segment on the outcomes of the panel discussion on the contribution of the Convention and the Protocol to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and the future of the treaties (item 4). The Meetings of the Parties will be invited to consider possible follow-up actions under the Convention and the Protocol.

8. Panel discussion on the role of the Protocol and the Convention in addressing climate change

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 June, morning

50. A panel comprising invited ministers, other high-level representatives, and experts from Governments and intergovernmental organizations, together with representatives from NGOs and other stakeholders, will present the main achievements, lessons learned and remaining challenges with regard to the application of the Convention and, in particular, the Protocol for the development of national climate change action and planning, and for the incorporation of specific climate change mitigation and adaptation measures into sectoral plans and programmes.

51. Delegations will be invited to make short interventions from the floor in response to the presentations.

Documentation

Information note on the panel discussion on the role of the Convention and the Protocol in addressing climate change (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/INF.10)

9. Statements by ministers and high-level representatives

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 June, afternoon

52. Statements by delegates will be heard in a joint meeting of the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol.

53. Ministers, other heads of delegation, and representatives of intergovernmental organizations and NGOs may make statements, with a recommended time limit of three minutes. The full texts of the official statements will be circulated if a sufficient number of copies are provided to the secretariat in the course of the session. Delegations are requested to register statements in advance of the session.

10. Adoption of decisions

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 June, afternoon

54. The Chairs for the high-level segments will introduce the decisions, indicating their title and number, the symbol of the document containing the draft text for consideration and which States are invited to consider and adopt the decision: States Parties to the Convention; States Parties to the Protocol; or States Parties to either instrument. Members of the Bureau will provide additional information on each decision, as appropriate. The decisions will be introduced in the sequence indicated below.

(a) Decisions to be taken jointly

55. Meeting jointly, the Meetings of the Parties will be invited to consider adoption of the following joint decisions proposed by the Bureau, as reviewed and finalized by delegations during the general segment:

- (a) Decision on the adoption of the workplan (decision VII/3–III/3);
- (b) Decision on the budget, financial arrangements and financial assistance (decision VII/4–III/4);
- (c) Decision on the development of a strategy and an action plan for the future application of the Convention and the Protocol (decision VII/7–III/6).

Documentation

Draft joint decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/1)

Report on the budget and financial arrangements in the period since the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/3–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/3)

Report on the activities of the Implementation Committee (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/4–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/4)

General guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/6–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/6)

Technical guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/11–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/10)

(b) Decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention

56. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention will be invited to consider adoption of the following decisions proposed by the Bureau, as reviewed and finalized by delegations during the general segment:

- (a) Decision on reporting and review of implementation of the Convention (decision VII/1);
- (b) Decision on the review of compliance with the Convention (decision VII/2);
- (c) Decision on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities (decision VII/6).

Documentation

Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/7)

Draft decision on the review of compliance with the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/8)

Fifth review of implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/9)

Good practice recommendations on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/10)

(c) **Decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol**

57. The Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will be invited to consider adoption of the following decisions proposed by the Bureau, as reviewed and finalized by delegations during the general segment:

(a) Decision on reporting and review of implementation of the Protocol (decision III/1);

(b) Decision on the review of compliance with the Protocol (decision III/2).

Documentation

Draft decision on reporting and review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/7)

Draft decision on the review of compliance with the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/8)

Second review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/9)

11. Adoption of the declaration

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 June, afternoon

58. Meeting jointly, the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will be invited to consider adoption of the Minsk declaration, proposed by the Bureau, as reviewed and finalized by delegations during the general segment.

Documentation

Draft Minsk declaration (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/2–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/2)

12. Election of officers for the next intersessional period

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 June, afternoon

59. The Meetings of the Parties will convene in a joint meeting and will be invited to elect officers for the next intersessional period, following the earlier agreement on nominations (item 3 (e) above).

60. The Meetings of the Parties will consider the election of States nominated as a Party to both instruments, i.e., the Parties to either instrument will be invited to consider the nomination.

61. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention will consider the election of States nominated as a Party to the Convention.

62. The Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will consider the election of States nominated as a Party to the Protocol.

63. The above procedure will be repeated for the new members of the Implementation Committee.

64. The Chairs will invite the Meetings of the Parties to express their gratitude to the outgoing members of the Bureau and the Implementation Committee.

Documentation

Informal list of nominations (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/INF.7)

13. Date and venue of the next meetings

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 June, afternoon

65. The Meetings of the Parties will convene in a joint meeting and will be expected, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure, to decide on the date and venue of the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention to be held in conjunction with the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

14. Other business

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 June, afternoon

66. Delegations wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

15. Conclusion of the session

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 June, afternoon

(a) Adoption of the outline report of the session

67. The Chair for the high-level segment of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention will present the main decisions taken at the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention.

68. The Chair for the high-level segment of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will present the main decisions taken at the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

69. The Meetings of the Parties will be invited to adopt the draft report and authorize the secretariat to complete the report after the session under the guidance of the Bureau.

(b) Closing of the session

70. The Chairs will close the session.

IV. Provisional programme of the sessions

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
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General segment

Tuesday, 13 June

3-6 p.m.	1	Opening of the sessions
	2 (a)–(e)	Organizational matters
	3	Outstanding issues

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
	3 (a)–(c)	Draft decisions
	3 (d)	Draft Minsk declaration
	3 (e)	Nomination of officers and tentative calendar of meetings
<i>Wednesday, 14 June</i>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3	Outstanding issues (continued)
3-6 p.m.	4	Panel discussion on the contribution of the Convention and the Protocol to the achievement of Sustainable development Goals and the future of the treaties
<i>Thursday, 15 June</i>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m	3	Outstanding issues (continued, as needed)
	5	Review of the workplan
	6	Review of compliance, implementation and the activities of the Implementation Committee
3-5 p.m.	6	Review of compliance, implementation and activities of the Implementation Committee (continued)
5-6.30 p.m.		<i>A side event</i>
High-level segment		
<i>Friday, 16 June</i>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	7	Opening ceremony for high-level segment
	7 (a)	Election of officers for the high-level segment
	7 (b)	Introductory speeches
	7 (c)	Report on the panel discussion on the contribution of the Convention and the Protocol to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and on the future of the treaties
	8	Panel discussion on the role of the Protocol and the Convention in addressing climate change
3-6 p.m.	9	Statements by ministers and high-level representatives
	10	Adoption of decisions
	10 (a)	Decisions to be taken jointly
	10 (b)	Decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention
	10 (c)	Decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol
	11	Adoption of the declaration
	12	Election of officers for the next intersessional period

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
	13	Date and venue of the next meetings
	14	Other business
	15	Conclusion of the session
	15 (a)	Adoption of the outline report of the session
	15 (b)	Closing of the session
