Economic Commission for Europe

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context

Bureau

Geneva, 1-2 February 2011

Provisional agenda

To be held in Room S-1 (ground floor) at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on Tuesday, 1 February 2011, starting at 1 p.m.

I. Provisional agenda

- 1. Opening.
- 2. Status of ratification (Convention, Amendments, Protocol, multilateral agreement for South-Eastern Europe).
- 3. Implementation of the workplan up to MOP5¹ (decision IV/7):
 - (a) Compliance with and implementation of the Convention (Chair of the Implementation Committee;
 - (b) Subregional cooperation and capacity building (workshops held and planned, including: seminar for Black Sea, held in Nov/Dec 2010; Morocco planned for April 2011; workshop in Georgia for March 2011; workshop in Finland for spring 2011);
 - (c) Exchange of good practices (on complex activities: EC working document shared with secretariat for comments; might be discussed at MOP5);
 - (d) Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol on SEA (training workshop on Protocol in Central Asia, March 2011; possible national workshop for Kyrgyzstan/Tajikistan).
- 4. Budget and financial arrangements for the period up the MOP5 (decision IV/8):
 - (a) Biannual financial report (decision IV/8, para.9);
 - (b) Contributions to the trust fund;
 - (c) Fund-raising (decision IV/8, paras.2(c), 7, 8);
 - (d) Variations from the budget (decision IV/8, para.12);
- Secretariat staff resources.

¹ MOP5: fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention.

- 6. Arrangements for the MOP5 and MOP/MOP1:²
 - (a) Provisional agenda;
 - (b) Outstanding issues for MOP5 and MOP/MOP1;
 - (c) Financial assistance priorities;
 - (d) Chair for the MOP5, MOP/MOP1 and high-level segment;
 - (e) Invited speakers (panel discussion on nuclear energy-related projects);
 - (f) Invited speakers (seminar on 20 years of law & practice under Convention).
- 7. Future Bureau members; officers for Working Group on EIA & SEA.
- 8. Future members of the Implementation Committee.
- 9. Draft elements of the workplan (MOP5–MOP6).
- 10. Draft decisions to be forwarded to MOP5, to MOP/MOP1 and to joint session (*see list overleaf*)
- 11. Draft declaration.
- 12. Timing of next meetings of:
 - (a) MOP5 and MOP/MOP1;
 - (b) Bureau meeting ("old" Bureau members: Monday, 20 June 2010).
 - (c) Working Group on EIA & SEA (spring 2012, spring 2013 and late 2013);
- 13. Possible proposals for the location and timing of MOP6 and MOP/MOP2
- 14. Possible inputs to the "Environment for Europe" process.
- 15. Other business.
- 16. Closing.

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MOP/MOP1: first session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Draft decision	Number of decision	
	Meeting of Parties to Convention	Meeting of Parties to Convention serving as Meeting of Parties to Protocol
Review of implementation	V/1	
Review of compliance	V/2	
Application of the compliance procedure of the Convention on EIA in a Transboundary Context to the Protocol on SEA	V/3	1/5
Rules of procedure		I/1
Establishment of a subsidiary body	V/x	I/2
Points of contacts, format for notification and focal points		I/3
Reporting and the review of implementation	V/y	I/4
Capacity development		I/6
Public participation in strategic decision-making		I/7
Adoption of the workplan	V/4	I/8
Budget, financial arrangements and financial assistance	V/5	I/9
Interpretation of article 14 of the Convention (amendments)	V/6	
Amendment of rule 7 of the rules of procedure	V/7	
Accession by Member states of the United Nations not members of ECE	V/z	I/a
Accession by Member states of the United Nations not members ECE (if required)		I/10