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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-fourth session

Geneva, 8–10 December 2015

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

## Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.  
on Tuesday, 8 December 2015\*

### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.

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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-fourth 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 Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus and Ukraine, including by possibly requesting Parties to submit reports to the Implementation Committee. In particular, the Committee is expected to finalize its analysis and conclusions on the steps undertaken by Belarus and Lithuania further to decision VI/2, paragraph 63 (see ECE/MP.EIA/20/Add.1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4/Add.1).

### **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. The Committee will continue 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 draft its findings and recommendations.

8. At its thirty-third session (Geneva, 17–19 March 2015), the Committee decided to begin a Committee initiative with regard to the planned construction by Serbia of a lignite power plant in north-east Serbia, by the River Danube, close to the border with Romania. The Committee is now expected to decide whether it will invite Serbia, in line with paragraph 9 of the Committee's structure and functions, to participate in the discussion and to present information and opinions on the matter under consideration at the Committee's thirty-fifth (Geneva, 15–17 March 2016) or thirty-sixth (Geneva, 5–7 September 2016) session.

## **5. Information gathering**

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

10. Taking into account the deliberations at its thirty-third session, 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 (NPP) in the Netherlands. The Committee is also expected to continue consideration of the information-gathering cases regarding the planned construction of nuclear reactors 3 and 4 at the Khmelnytskyi NPP in Ukraine; and the planned activities by Bosnia and Herzegovina concerning the Ugljevik and Stanari thermal power plants.

## **6. Review of implementation**

11. 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).

## **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.

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