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Informal assessment of the completion of the workplan – as at 30 March 2011

Note by the secretariat

Table 1

Assessment by sub-activity and activity

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Sub-activity</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Degree of completion</i>	<i>Weighting</i>	<i>Rating: completion x weighting</i>
Compliance with and implementation of the Convention	Consideration by the Implementation Committee of received compliance submissions		100%	25%	25%
	Report on the Committee's activities to the fifth meeting of the Parties	ECE/MP.EIA/2011/4	100%	10%	10%
	If necessary, review of the Committee's structure and functions and operating rules		100%	10%	10%
	Examination of the outcome of the second review of implementation		100%	5%	5%

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	Modification of the questionnaire for the report on implementation		100%	5%	5%
	Distribution of the questionnaire to the Parties to the Convention for them to complete and return	No completed questionnaire from Albania	98%	20%	20%
	Preparation of a draft review of implementation	ECE/MP.EIA/2011/2 and ECE/MP.EIA/2011/3	100%	15%	15%
	Country-specific performance reviews and technical assistance in drafting legislation, in agreement with Parties wishing to strengthen their implementation of and compliance with the Convention. Review would include a period in-country examining legislation, procedures and practice (case study)	Completed for Armenia and Ukraine; Azerbaijan prepared and expected to be initiated in May 2011	80%	10%	8%
Sub-total				100%	98%
Subregional cooperation and capacity-building to strengthen contacts between the Parties and others, including States outside the UNECE region	Eastern Europe subregion	Pilot project in Belarus, 2010. Capacity-building workshop based on results of pilot projects (Convention/Protocol)	100%	10%	10%
	Central Asia subregion	(a) Capacity-building workshop based on results of pilot projects (Convention/Protocol)	100%	10%	10%
		(b) Capacity-building workshop	100%	10%	10%
	Caucasus subregion	Capacity-building workshop (Convention/Protocol)	100%	10%	10%
	Black Sea subregion	Seminar on EIA of large energy project in the subregion	100%	10%	10%
	South-Eastern Europe subregion	Holding meeting, including on the relationship between EIA and SEA	100%	10%	10%

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Mediterranean subregion					
	(a) Workshop in Morocco on practical application of the Convention in the subregion	Workshop held in Tunis, in April 2010	100%	10%	10%
	(b) Follow-up workshop on a specific topic	Planned for April 2011, but not held	0%	10%	0%
Baltic Sea subregion					
	Holding two meetings, including on climate change in EIA and SEA, biodiversity, cumulative impacts, marine ecosystems, protected marine areas, marine spatial planning, transboundary EIAs, public participation, post-project analysis, access to justice, application of transboundary SEA	Workshop held in Lithuania, October 2009	100%	10%	10%
	(second meeting)	Workshop held in Finland, March–April 2011	100%	10%	10%
Sub-total			100%	100%	90%
Exchange of good practices	One-day seminar, possibly back-to-back with another meeting under the Convention, on legislation and procedures for implementation of the Convention in Armenia	Half-day seminar held in Geneva, May 2010	100%	15%	15%
	(second one-day seminar in budget)	not held	0%	15%	0%
	Half-day seminars on: projects with long-range transboundary impacts / risk of accidents; climate change in EIA and SEA; IAIA study on the effectiveness of environmental assessment; biodiversity; desertification; large-scale projects crossing several countries (four budgeted).	First: Half-day seminar on “Large-scale projects crossing several countries”, held in Geneva, May 2009	100%	15%	15%
		Second: Seminar on “Climate change in EIA and SEA”, held in Geneva, November 2010	100%	15%	15%
		Third: Seminar on “20 years of law and practice”, held in Geneva, June 2011	100%	15%	15%
		Fourth: not held	0%	15%	0%

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	Guidance note and checklist for financial institutions on projects with transboundary impacts		100%	10%	10%
Sub-total				100%	70%
Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol on SEA	Two national awareness workshops, training using the Resource Manual and pilot projects to provide assistance to countries in ratification	Workshop held in Slovenia, June 2010	100%	20%	20%
	(second workshop)	Subregional workshop held in Kazakhstan, March–April 2011	100%	30%	30%
	Maintenance of the Resource Manual	On-going	100%	10%	10%
	Coordination with the Belgrade SEA Initiative	On-going, but limited by resources available	30%	10%	3%
	Subregional training workshop for countries of South-Eastern Europe	Workshop held in the Czech Republic, September 2008	100%	30%	30%
Sub-total				100%	93%

Table 2
Assessment by activity and priority

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Degree of completion (Rating, table 1)</i>	<i>within priority</i>		<i>overall</i>	
		<i>Weighting</i>	<i>Rating: completion x weighting</i>	<i>Weighting</i>	<i>Rating: completion x weighting</i>
Priority 1					
Compliance with and implementation of the Convention	98%	100%	98%	30%	29%
Sub-total (priority 1)		100%	98%		
Priority 2					
Subregional cooperation and capacity-building to strengthen contacts between the Parties and others, including States outside the UNECE region	90%	60%	54%	40%	36%
Exchange of good practices	70%	20%	14%	15%	11%
Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol on SEA	93%	20%	19%	15%	14%
Sub-total (priority 2)		100%	87%		
Total (overall)				100%	90%