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on Environmental Impact Assessment
in a Transboundary Context

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

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Item 2 (c) of the provisional agenda

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda

Informal notes on the agenda

This paper presents an overview of agenda items, associated documentation (official, informal “INF” and other) and **actions to be taken by the delegates** to the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (MOP-6) and to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (MOP/MOP-2).

The items to be considered by the MOP-6 and the MOP/MOP-2 in a joint session are indicated in green; those by the MOP-6 in yellow and those by the MOP/MOP-2 in blue.

For information related to meeting preparations (credentials, registration, statements etc.) and practical matters, please refer to the note on practical matters, available on the meeting website http://www.unece.org/env/eia/meetings/mop_6.html under the heading “preparatory and practical.”

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Monday 3–6 p.m.	Item 1. Opening of the session		MOP-6 and MOP/MOP-2 will be opened by the vice-Chair of the Bureau
	Item 2. Organizational matters		
	(a) Election of the Chair of the MOP at its sixth session for the general segment		The Bureau recommends election of the vice-Chair of the Bureau, Mr. Piotr Otawski (Poland) , as Chair of the MOP-6 and the MOP/MOP-2 for the general segment.
	(b) Election of the Chair of the MOP/MOP at its second session for the general segment		
	(c) Adoption of the agenda	ECE/MP.EIA/19– ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/3 (Annotated provisional agenda for the sixth session of the MOP and the second session of the MOP/MOP)	The MOPs are expected to adopt their agenda for their respective sessions.
(d) Report on credentials		Delegations should provide the secretariat with their credentials . (Only Parties with valid credentials can vote and participate in the adoption of decisions or declaration).	
(e) Status of the Convention and its amendments and the Protocol	ECE/MP.EIA/2014/INF.2 (Status of ratification of the Convention, its amendments and its Protocol)	Delegations are expected to inform the meeting of planned ratifications of the Convention or its amendments, or of the Protocol.	

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	Item 3. Outstanding issues		
	Outstanding MOP-6 issues		
	(a) Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention		
	(i) <i>Draft decision on the review of compliance with the Convention</i>	ECE/MP.EIA/2014/L.3 (Draft decision on the review of compliance with the Convention) ECE/MP.EIA/2014/4– ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/4 (Report on the activities of the Implementation Committee), paras. 53-56	The MOP is expected to discuss and finalize draft decision VI/2 on the review of compliance with the Convention. – <i>note report on the activities of the Implementation Committee, paras 53–56, concerning information submitted after the adoption of the Committee’s findings and recommendations further to the submission by Lithuania regarding Belarus.</i>
	(ii) <i>Draft decision on aligning the authentic language versions of the Convention</i>	ECE/MP.EIA/2014/L.1 (Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention)	The MOP is expected to review and finalize draft decision VI/6 on aligning the authentic language versions of the Convention – <i>note the annexed list of proposed technical corrections to the Convention reviewed by the Bureau.</i>
	(iii) <i>Other draft MOP decisions</i>	ECE/MP.EIA/2014/L.1 (Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention)	Delegations will be invited to comment, as needed, on other draft decisions under consideration by the MOP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft decision VI/1 on reporting and

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			<p>review of implementation – <i>Note that as of [25 April] Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ireland, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom had not reported</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft decision VI/7 on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities. • Draft decision VI/8 on General guidance on enhancing consistency between the Convention and environmental assessment within State ecological expertise in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia • Draft decision VI/9 on Good practice on communication, cooperation and conflict resolution
	<p>Outstanding MOP/MOP-2 issues</p> <p>(b) Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol</p>	<p>ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/L.1 (Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol)</p> <p>ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/L.3 (Draft decision on the review of compliance with the</p>	<p>Delegations will be invited to comment draft decisions under consideration by the MOP/MOP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft decision II/I on reporting and the review of implementation of the Protocol – <i>Note that as of [25] April, Luxembourg, Montenegro and Portugal had not reported</i> • Draft decision II/2 on review of compliance with the Protocol • Draft decision II/6 on aligning the

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		Protocol)	<p>authentic language versions of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft decision II/7 on the format for notification • Draft decision II/8 on Good practice recommendations on public participation in Strategic Environmental Assessment
Tuesday, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>Outstanding MOP-6 and MOP/MOP-2 issues</p> <p>(c) Draft joint decisions</p> <p>(i) <i>Draft decision on the adoption of the workplan</i></p>	<p>ECE/MP.EIA/2014/L.2– ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/L.2 (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)</p> <p>ECE/MP.EIA/2014/INF.3 (Informal assessment of the completion of the workplan)</p> <p>ECE/MP.EIA/2014/1– ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/1 Report on the budget and financial arrangements in the period since the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention</p> <p>ECE/MP.EIA/2014/INF.4</p>	<p>The MOP and MOP/MOP are expected to discuss and finalize draft decision VI/3–II/3 on the adoption of the workplan – <i>note the gaps in the workplan table.</i></p> <p>Delegations will be requested to provide the information necessary to finalize the workplan on organizational arrangements, expected outcomes, time schedule and budget.</p>

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	(ii) <i>Draft decision on the budget, financial arrangements and financial assistance</i>	<p>Status of contributions to the trust fund.</p> <p>ECE/MP.EIA/2014/1 — ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/1 (Report on the budget and financial arrangements in the period since the fifth session of the MOP)</p> <p>ECE/MP.EIA/2014/INF.4 — (Status of contributions to the trust fund)</p>	<p>Delegations will be invited to pledge contributions to the trust fund for the Convention.</p> <p>The MOP and MOP/MOP are expected to discuss and finalize draft decision VI/4–II/4 on the budget, financial arrangements – <i>Note the square brackets.</i></p>
	(iii) <i>Accession by Member States of the United Nations not members of the Economic Commission for Europe</i>		<p>The MOP and MOP/MOP are expected to discuss and finalize draft decision VI/5–II/5 on accession by Member States of the United Nations not members of the United Nations – <i>as amended by the Bureau based on legal advice from the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs.</i></p>
	(d) Draft declaration	<p>ECE/MP.EIA/2014/L.4 — ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/L.4 (Draft declaration)</p>	<p>Delegations will be invited to discuss the draft declaration prepared by the Bureau.</p>
	(e) Nomination of officers and tentative calendar of meetings for the next intersessional period	<p>ECE/MP.EIA/2014/INF.5 (Informal list of nominations)</p> <p>ECE/MP.EIA/2014/INF.6 (Provisional schedule of</p>	<p>Delegations will be invited to review a list of nominations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Bureau (Chair and Vice-Chairs);

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		meetings)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers for the Working Group (Chair and Vice-Chairs); • Members of the Implementation Committee. <p>The MOP and the MOP/MOP will be expected to consider the endorsement of the nominations in turn – and forward them to the high-level segment for formal election</p> <p>The MOP and the MOP/MOP will be invited to agree on a tentative calendar of meetings.</p> <p>Delegations may wish to put forward proposals for hosting meetings.</p>
Tuesday, 3–6 p.m.	Item 4. Seminar on wind and hydro energy	ECE/MP.EIA/2014/INF.7 (Information on seminar on wind and hydro energy)	Delegations will be invited to make short interventions from the floor in response to the expert presentations.
Wednesday 10 a.m–1 p.m.	Item 5. Review of the workplan and of work done by the Working Group on EIA and SEA	ECE/MP.EIA/2014/INF.3 (Informal assessment of the completion of the workplan)	
	(a) Subregional cooperation and capacity-building		Delegations will be invited to report on subregional cooperation and capacity-building workshops held since the third meeting of the Working Group (11-15 November 2013), including:

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	(b) Exchange of good practices	ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2013/7 (Report of the Working Group on EIA and SEA on its third meeting), annexes I and II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belarus and Ukraine, regarding completion of a pilot transboundary EIA project (post project analysis) • Belarus on subregional conference held in Minsk (15 April 2014); <p>Delegations may note the summary reports of the events held at the Working Group's third meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop on the impacts of nuclear energy-related activities - Seminar on sharing good practice and tools for communication, cooperation and conflict resolution
	(c) Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol on SEA		<p>Delegations and the secretariat will be invited to report on workshops and other events promoting ratification and application of the Protocol since the Working Group's third meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic publication of the Resource Manual in Russian • Preparation by IAIA of informal pamphlets on key issues • Training workshop in Armenia • Development of legislation in the Republic of Moldova

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Wednesday 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 6. Review of compliance, review of implementation and work done by the Implementation Committee	<p>ECE/MP.EIA/2014/3 (Draft fourth review of implementation of the Convention)</p> <p>ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/3 (Draft first review of implementation of the Protocol)</p> <p>ECE/MP.EIA/2014/4 – ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/4 (Report on the activities of the Implementation Committee)</p>	<p>Delegations will be informed of the finalization of the draft reviews of implementation by the secretariat based on the comments made during and after the Working Group’s third meeting.</p> <p>Delegations may wish to comment on the Implementation Committee’s report on its activities to be presented by the Implementation Committee Chair.</p>
Wednesday 3–6 p.m.	Item 7. Seminar on the globalization of the Convention and the Protocol and the role of international financial institutions	<p>ECE/MP.EIA/2014/INF.8 (Information on the seminar on globalization of the Convention and the Protocol and the role of international financial institutions)</p>	<p>Delegations will be invited to make short interventions (maximum 3 minutes) from the floor in response to the presentations made discussion providing specific examples of how the Convention and the Protocol have been applied to energy-related activities in their countries, once all panellists have spoken.</p> <p>The moderator will prepare a summary of the discussion to present in the high-level segment.</p>

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Thursday, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 8. Opening ceremony for the high-level segment		
	(a) Election of the of officers for the high-level segment		The Bureau recommends election of H.E. Mr. Andriy Mokhnyk, Minister for Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine and H.E, Mr. Valentinas Mazuronis, Minister for Environment of Lithuania as co-Chairs of the MOP-6 and MOP/MOP-2 for the high-level segment.
	(b) Introductory speeches		
	(c) Report on seminar on wind and hydro energy		The MOPs will be invited to consider possible follow-up actions to the seminar on wind and hydro energy.
	(d) Report on seminar on the globalization of the Convention and the Protocol and the role of international financial institutions		The MOPs will be invited to consider possible follow-up actions to the seminar on the globalization of the Convention and the Protocol and the role of international financial institutions
	Item 9. Panel discussion on the application of the Convention and the Protocol to energy-related issues		Delegations will be invited to make short interventions (maximum 3 minutes) from the floor in response to the panel discussion providing specific examples of how the Convention and the Protocol have been applied to energy-related issues in their countries, once all panellists have

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Thursday, 3–6 p.m.	Item 10. Statements by Ministers and high-level representatives		spoken Delegations are requested to register statements in advance of the session. Delegations are reminded of the recommended time limit of three minutes for statements.
	Item 11. Adoption of decisions		
	(a) Decisions to be taken by the MOP	<p>Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2014/L.1)</p> <p>Draft decision on the review of compliance with the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2011/L.3)</p> <p>General guidance on enhancing consistency between the Convention and environmental impact assessment within State ecological expertise in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (ECE/MP.EIA/2014/2)</p> <p>Draft fourth review of implementation of the Convention</p>	<p>The MOP will be invited to adopt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision VI/1 on reporting and review of implementation of the Convention • Decision VI/2 on the review of compliance with the Convention • Decision VI/6 on the aligning of the authentic language versions of the Convention • Decision VI/7 on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities • Decision VI/8 on the general guidance on enhancing consistency between the Convention and environmental impact assessment within State ecological expertise in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia; • Decision VI/9 on good practice in

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		(ECE/MP.EIA/2014/3) Report on the activities of the Implementation Committee (ECE/MP.EIA/2014/4–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/4)	communication, cooperation and conflict resolution
(b)	Decisions to be taken by the MOP/MOP	ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/L.1 (Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol) ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/L.3 Draft decision on the review of compliance with the Protocol ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/3 Draft first review of implementation of the Protocol ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/2 Good practice recommendations on public participation in strategic environmental assessment	The MOP/MOP will be invited to adopt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision II/1 on reporting and review of implementation of the Protocol; • Decision II/2 on the review of compliance with the Protocol; • Decision II/6 on the aligning of the authentic language versions of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment; • Decision II/7 on the format for notification; • Decision II/8 on good practice recommendations on public participation in strategic environmental assessment.
(b)	Decisions to be taken jointly	ECE/MP.EIA/2014/L.2–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/L.2 Draft joint decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the	The MOP and the MOP/MOP will be invited to adopt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision VI/3–II/3 on the adoption of

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		<p>Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol</p> <p>ECE/MP.EIA/2014/1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/1 Report on the budget and financial arrangements in the period since the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention</p>	<p>the workplan;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision VI/4–II/4 on the budget, financial arrangements and financial assistance; • Decision VI/5–II/5 on the accession by Member States of the United Nations not members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
	Item 12. Adoption of the declaration	ECE/MP.EIA/2014/L.4–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/L.4 (Draft declaration)	The MOP/MOP will be invited to adopt the declaration .
	Item 13. Election of officers for the next intersessional period	ECE/MP.EIA/2014/INF.5 (Informal list of nominations)	The MOP and the MOP/MOP will be expected to elect officers of the Working Group, members of the Bureau, and members of the Implementation Committee, following earlier agreement (item 3 (e)).
	Item 14. Date and venue of next meetings		The MOP and the MOP/MOP will be expected to decide on the date and venue of the seventh session of the MOP to be held in conjunction with the third session of the MOP/MOP.

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	Item 15. Other business		Delegations wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.
	Item 16. Conclusion of the session		
	(a) Adoption of the outline report of the session		The MOPs will be invited to agree on the main decisions taken and authorize the secretariat to complete the report after the session under the guidance of the Bureau.
	(b) Closing of the session		