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in Environmental Matters

Compliance Committee

Forty-fifth meeting

Maastricht, the Netherlands 29 June–2 July 2014

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-fifth meeting

**To be held in Maastricht, the Netherlands, starting at 10 a.m. on
Sunday, 29 June 2014***

I. Provisional agenda

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3. Matters arising from previous meetings.
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* The forty-fifth meeting of the Compliance Committee will be held in parallel with the eighteenth meeting of the Working Group of the Parties to the Convention (Maastricht, 29 June 2014), the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (Maastricht, 30 June and 1 July 2014), and the joint High-level Segment under the auspices of the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (Maastricht, 2 July 2014). Delegates wishing to attend the meeting are requested to complete the registration form which is available from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe website at <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/aarhusmop5&prtrmopp2/main.html>.

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Compliance Committee under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document, taking into account any points raised for consideration by representatives of non-governmental organizations present at the meeting as observers.

2. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Committee

The Committee will be invited to share any information on relevant developments since its previous meeting that are not covered under other agenda items.

3. Matters arising from previous meetings

The Committee will be invited to discuss any other matters arising from its previous meetings that are not covered under other agenda items.

4. Submissions by Parties concerning other Parties

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is expected to consider any submission made by a Party concerning another Party's compliance with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention, as provided for under paragraph 15 of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PP/2/Add.8).

5. Submissions by Parties concerning their own compliance

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is expected to consider any submission made by a Party concerning its own compliance with the obligations under the Convention, as provided for under decision I/7, annex, paragraph 16.

6. Referrals by the secretariat

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, any referrals made by the secretariat concerning possible non-compliance by individual Parties

with their obligations under the Convention, as provided for under decision I/7, annex, paragraph 17.

7. Communications from members of the public

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is mandated to consider communications from the public, as provided for under decision I/7, annex, chapter VI. In this context:

(a) The Committee will confirm the adoption of its findings and recommendations with regard to communications ACCC/C/2008/31 (Germany) and ACCC/C/2012/70 (Czech Republic), as set out in documents ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2014/8 and ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2014/9, respectively;

(b) The Committee is expected to finalize and adopt its findings and, as appropriate, recommendations with regard to communication ACCC/C/2012/77 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) in closed session, taking into account comments received from the Party concerned and the communicant;

(c) The Committee is expected to continue its deliberations on communications ACCC/C/2012/69 (Romania), ACCC/C/2012/71 (Czech Republic), ACCC/C/2012/76 (Bulgaria), ACCC/C/2013/85 (United Kingdom) and ACCC/C/2013/86 (United Kingdom) in closed session with a view to completing its preparation of draft findings and, if appropriate, recommendations;

(d) The Committee is expected to consider any new information received with regard to communications ACCC/C/2008/32 (European Union), ACCC/C/2010/55 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2013/81 (Sweden), ACCC/C/2013/87 (Ukraine), ACCC/C/2013/88 (Kazakhstan), ACCC/C/2013/89 (Slovakia), ACCC/C/2013/90 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2013/91 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2013/92 (Germany), ACCC/C/2013/93 (Norway), ACCC/C/2013/94 (Denmark), ACCC/C/2013/96 (European Union) and ACCC/C/2014/98 (Lithuania);

(f) The Committee will discuss any new communications received sufficiently in advance of the meeting, in particular with respect to their admissibility and any issues that may need to be raised with the Party concerned or the communicant.

8. Reporting requirements

In the light of its mandate under decision I/7, annex, paragraph 35, the Committee is expected to complete the report on its activities and its recommendations, as it considers appropriate, for submission to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session.

9. Matters arising from the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties, including follow-up on specific cases of non-compliance

The Committee will be invited to discuss any progress with regard to implementation of decisions IV/9 and IV/9a–i of the Meeting of the Parties.

10. Programme of work and calendar of meetings

The Committee is expected to discuss and decide upon its programme of work and to identify dates for its future meetings.

11. Other business

At present the secretariat has no other business to suggest under this agenda item.

12. Adoption of the report

The Committee will be invited to adopt the report of the meeting.
