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## Economic Commission for Europe

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on  
Access to Information, Public Participation  
in Decision-making and Access to Justice  
in Environmental Matters

### Compliance Committee

#### Sixty-eighth meeting

Geneva (online), 23-27 November 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-eighth meeting

To be held virtually, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 23 November  
2020\*

#### I. Provisional agenda

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\* Delegates are requested to register online **before 18 November 2020** through the following link:  
<https://indico.un.org/event/31354/registration/>. In case of difficulty, please contact the Convention  
secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 2682.



12. Other business.

## **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 observers.<sup>1</sup>

### **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 to the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2/Add.8). In this context, the Committee is expected to continue its deliberations on submission ACCC/S/2015/2 submitted by Lithuania concerning Belarus.

### **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**

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is expected to consider 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. Requests from the Meeting of the Parties**

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is expected to consider any request made by the Meeting of the Parties concerning non-compliance by individual Parties with their obligations under the Convention, as provided for under decision I/7, annex, paragraph 13 (b). In this context, the Committee is expected to consider any new information

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<sup>1</sup> Documentation for the meeting will be made available on a dedicated web page ([www.uncece.org/index.php?id=53239](http://www.uncece.org/index.php?id=53239)).

received with regard to requests ACCC/M/2017/2 concerning Turkmenistan and ACCC/M/2017/3 concerning the European Union.

## 8. Requests from Parties for advice or assistance

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is expected to consider any requests from individual Parties for advice and assistance regarding the implementation of the Convention, as provided for under decision I/7, annex, paragraphs 13, 36 and 37 (a).

## 9. 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, the Committee is expected to:

(a) Confirm the adoption of its findings and recommendations with regard to communications ACCC/C/2014/121 (European Union) and ACCC/C/2015/135 (France), as set out in documents ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2020/8 and ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2020/9 respectively;

(b) Continue its deliberations on communications ACCC/C/2013/90 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), ACCC/C/2013/98 (Lithuania), ACCC/C/2014/105 (Hungary), ACCC/C/2014/112 (Ireland), ACCC/C/2014/113 (Ireland), ACCC/C/2014/118 (Ukraine), ACCC/C/2014/119 (Poland), ACCC/C/2014/120 (Slovakia), ACCC/C/2014/122 (Spain), ACCC/C/2014/124 (Netherlands), ACCC/C/2015/126 (Poland), ACCC/C/2015/128 (European Union), ACCC/C/2015/133 (Netherlands), ACCC/C/2015/134 (Belgium), ACCC/C/2016/137 (Germany), ACCC/C/2016/138 (Armenia), ACCC/C/2016/140 (Romania), ACCC/C/2016/141 (Ireland), ACCC/C/2016/143 (Czechia), ACCC/C/2016/144 (Bulgaria), ACCC/C/2017/147 (Republic of Moldova) and ACCC/C/2017/156 (United Kingdom) in closed session, with a view to completing the preparation of its draft findings or to finalizing and adopting its findings, as applicable;

(c) Having taken into account the views of the Parties concerned and the communicants of communications ACCC/C/2015/130 (Italy), ACCC/C/2015/131 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2015/132 (Ireland), ACCC/C/2016/139 (Ireland) and ACCC/C/2016/142 (United Kingdom) on whether they consider that a hearing to discuss the substance of the respective communication is needed, the Committee will either hold a hearing or commence its deliberations on that communication in closed session. In accordance with decision I/7, annex, paragraph 32, if the Committee decides to hold a hearing to discuss the substance of a communication, the Party concerned and the communicant will be invited to participate in the discussion on the subject matter of that communication;

(d) Consider any new information received with regard to communications ACCC/C/2017/146 (Poland), ACCC/C/2017/148 (Greece), ACCC/C/2017/149 (Greece), ACCC/C/2017/150 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2016/151 (Poland), ACCC/C/2017/153 (Spain), ACCC/C/2017/154 (Poland), ACCC/C/2017/157 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2018/158 (Poland), ACCC/C/2017/159 (Spain), ACCC/C/2018/161 (Bulgaria), ACCC/C/2019/162 (Denmark), ACCC/C/2019/163 (Austria), ACCC/C/2019/164 (Ireland), ACCC/C/2019/168 (Iceland), ACCC/C/2019/173 (Sweden), ACCC/C/2019/174 (Sweden), ACCC/C/2020/177 (Bosnia and Herzegovina), ACCC/C/2020/178 (Germany) and ACCC/C/2020/179 (Serbia);

(e) Discuss any new communications received before 12 October 2020, in particular with respect to their admissibility and any issues that may need to be raised with the Party concerned or the communicant.

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

The Committee is expected to discuss any progress with regard to implementation of decisions VI/8 and VI/8a–e and g–k of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PP/2017/2/Add.1).

**11. 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.

**12. Other business**

The Committee is expected to:

(a) Continue its dialogue in open session with Parties and observers on effective case management;

(b) Report on the finalization and adoption of its statement on the application of the Convention during the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic recovery phase.

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