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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

Twenty-first meeting
Geneva, 17-19 September 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 17 September 2008*

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Committee

* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the Convention's website (www.unece.org/env/pp/practical.htm), and to transmit it to the Convention secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting either by fax (+41 22 917 0634) or by e-mail (public.participation@unece.org). On their way to the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office in Geneva Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on the Convention's website). In case of difficulty, please contact the Convention secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1502/2682.

3. Other matters arising from previous meetings
4. Submissions by Parties concerning other Parties
5. Submissions by Parties concerning their own compliance
6. Referrals by the secretariat
7. Communications from members of the public
8. Matters arising from the Meeting of the Parties, including follow-up on specific cases of non-compliance
9. Programme of work and calendar of meetings
10. Any other business
11. Adoption of the report

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document, also taking into account any points raised for consideration by representatives of non-governmental organizations present at the meeting as observers.

Item 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 is not covered under other agenda items.

Item 3. Other matters arising from previous meetings

The Committee will be invited to discuss any matters arising from its previous meetings.

Item 4. Submissions by Parties concerning other Parties

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, any submissions made by Parties concerning another Party's compliance with its obligations under the Convention, as provided for under paragraph 15 of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

Item 5. Submissions by Parties concerning their own compliance

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, any submissions made by Parties concerning their own compliance with the obligations under the Convention, as provided for under paragraph 16 of the annex to decision I/7.

Item 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 paragraph 17 of the annex to decision I/7.

Item 7. Communications from members of the public

The Committee is mandated to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, communications from the public, as provided for under chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7.

(a) The Committee is expected to consider any new information received with regard to communications ACCC/C/2007/22 (France), ACCC/C/2008/23 (United Kingdom) and ACCC/C/2008/24 (Spain).

(b) The Committee is expected to discuss the content of communication ACCC/C/2007/21 (European Community). In accordance with chapter IX of the annex to decision I/7, the Party concerned and the communicant are entitled to participate in the discussion on the subject matter of the communication, though not in the preparation or adoption of any findings, measures or recommendations of the Committee.

(c) 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.

(d) The Committee may discuss any other issues related to communications.

Item 8. Matters arising from 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 III/6, III/6a, III/6b, III/6c, III/6d, III/6e and III/6f. Pursuant to paragraph 8 of decision III/5 of the Meeting of the Parties, the Committee will also review the position regarding the submission of reports by the States that were Parties at the time of the deadline for submission of the implementation reports and that failed to submit such reports to the secretariat.

Item 9. Programme of work and calendar of meetings

Item 10. Any other business

Item 11. Adoption of the report
