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

### Compliance Committee

#### Eighth meeting

Geneva, 30 and 31 March 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

## Annotated provisional agenda for the eighth meeting of the Compliance Committee

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 1 p.m. on Monday, 30 March 2020\*\*

### I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Committee.
3. Submissions, referrals and communications.
4. National pollutant release and transfer registers in the European Union member States.
5. Development of the Protocol.
6. Preparation of the synthesis report.

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7. Other business.
8. Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

*Timing: Monday, 30 March, 1–1.15 p.m.*

The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda for its eighth meeting, as set out in the present document.

### **2. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Committee**

*Timing: Monday, 30 March, 1.15–1.45 p.m.*

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. Submissions, referrals and communications**

*Timing: Monday, 30 March, 1.45–2 p.m.*

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is expected to consider any possible submissions made by a Party concerning another Party's compliance with its obligations under the Protocol, any submissions made by a Party concerning its own compliance, any referrals made by the secretariat concerning possible non-compliance by individual Parties or any communications from the public regarding Parties' compliance, as provided for in paragraphs 15 to 24 of the annex to decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PRTR/2010/2/Add.1).

### **4. National pollutant release and transfer registers in the European Union member States**

*Timing: Monday, 30 March, 2–6 p.m., and Tuesday, 31 March, 10–10.50 a.m.*

Pursuant to the Committee's mandate under paragraph 14 (b) of the annex to decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PRTR/2010/2/Add.1) to examine compliance issues not referred to in paragraph 13 of decision I/2, at its seventh meeting (Geneva, 1–2 April 2019), the Committee considered the matter of national pollutant release and transfer registers in the European Union member States. The Committee agreed, on a preliminary basis, that the issue of whether European Union member States that were Parties to the Protocol were required under the Protocol to introduce their own national pollutant release and transfer registers to supplement what was done at the European Union level might lead to potential non-compliance by the Parties concerned. The Committee appointed a curator to further explore the above-mentioned issue (ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2019/2, paras. 7–8).

At its eighth meeting, the Committee will consider the draft findings prepared by the curator, with a view to completing its draft findings and, as appropriate, recommendations.

### **5. Development of the Protocol**

*Timing: Tuesday, 31 March, 10.50–11.40 a.m.*

The Committee will consider the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Protocol's Working Group of the Parties (Geneva, 28–29 November 2019) related to the issue of the development of the Protocol.

**6. Preparation of the synthesis report**

*Timing: Tuesday, 31 March, 11.40 a.m.–12.20 p.m.*

The Committee will discuss the preparation of the new synthesis report, to be drafted on the basis of national implementation reports to be submitted by Parties and the related lessons learned from previous reporting cycles.

**7. Other business**

*Timing: Tuesday, 31 March, 12.20–12.30 p.m.*

The members of the Committee and participants will be invited to discuss any relevant item proposed under this item and agreed for inclusion on the agenda at the time of its adoption.

**8. Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting**

*Timing: Tuesday, 31 March, 12.30–1 p.m.*

The Committee will be invited to adopt the key outcomes of the meeting.

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