

Third meeting of the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers

Geneva, 20–21 November 2013

Outcomes of the meeting in relation to the Draft elements of the Maastricht Declaration

The draft declaration was submitted to the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs at its third meeting (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2013/12) (Geneva, 20–21 November 2013). The Working Group considered the document and adopted the following outcomes:

- i) Agreed that the main messages that are of key relevance for the Protocol, contained in paras 7, 11, 12 and 13 as well as several elements in paras 6 and 8 should be well-preserved in the subsequent versions of the document;
- ii) Agreed that interested delegations may submit their written comments on the current draft before 29 November 2013 as to enable the Convention's Bureau to consider them at its upcoming meeting on 2-3 December 2013 for preparing the next revised draft in cooperation with the Protocol's Bureau. The next draft is expected to be available for the second round of comments in January 2014.
- iii) Mandated the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to finalize the draft Declaration in cooperation with the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, with a view to its submission for consideration and adoption at the joint high-level segment.