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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

#### Ninth meeting

Geneva (online), 28 and 29 April 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

## Annotated provisional agenda for the ninth meeting of the Compliance Committee\*

To be held online, starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 28 April 2021

### I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Draft guide to the Compliance Committee of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers.
3. Submissions, referrals and communications.
4. National pollutant release and transfer registers in the European Union member States.
5. Other business.
6. Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting.

### II. Annotations

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

*Timing: Wednesday, 28 April, 10–10.05 a.m.*

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

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\* This document was scheduled for publication after the standard publication date owing to circumstances beyond the submitter's control.



## **2. Draft guide to the Compliance Committee of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers**

*Timing: Wednesday, 28 April, 10.05–10.45 a.m.*

The Committee will consider a draft guide to the Compliance Committee of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers aimed at assisting the Compliance Committee in handling its procedures.

## **3. Submissions, referrals and communications**

*Timing: Wednesday, 28 April, 10.45 a.m. –1 p.m. and 2.30–3 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). In this context, the Committee is expected to discuss new communications received before 1 February 2021, namely PRE/PRTRPCC/C/2020/1 concerning Ukraine,<sup>1</sup> and in particular with respect to their admissibility and any issues that may need to be raised with the Party concerned or the communicant.

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

*Timing: Wednesday, 28 April, 3–5 p.m., and Thursday, 29 April, 10–11.25 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 the annex to decision I/2, at its seventh meeting (Geneva, 1 and 2 April 2019), the Committee appointed a curator to further explore the matter of national pollutant release and transfer registers in the European Union member States (ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2019/2, paras. 7 and 8). The Committee at its eighth meeting (Geneva, 30 and 31 March 2020) considered the draft findings presented by the curator and agreed that it required more information in order to further explore the issue. To that end, taking into consideration the related information provided by Finland in its 2017 national implementation report, the Committee agreed to send questions to Finland in order to further clarify the matter (ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2020/2, paras. 5–7).<sup>2</sup> At its ninth meeting, the Committee will consider the response letter from the Party concerned and any other relevant issues.

## **5. Other business**

*Timing: Thursday, 29 April, 11.25–11.30 a.m.*

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

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<sup>1</sup> Available at <http://staging2.unece.org/net4all.ch/environmental-policy/conventions/public-participation/protocol-on-prtrs/protocol-bodies/envppprtr-cc/communications-from-the-public/preprtrpccc20201-ukraine.html>.

<sup>2</sup> Correspondence available at <http://staging2.unece.org/net4all.ch/environmental-policy/conventions/public-participation/protocol-on-prtrs/protocol-bodies/envppprtr-cc/correspondence.html>.

**6. Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting**

*Timing: Thursday, 29 April, 11.30 a.m.–noon*

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

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