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Subject: Decision VII/8b (Austria) - Invitation to open session at Committee's 73rd meeting on how to prepare Austria's plan of action – next Tuesday, 14 December, 12.00-13.00 CET

Dear Ms. Massauer,

I hope that you are well.

As you may be aware, under paragraph 2 (e) of decision VII/8b adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session, Austria must provide the Committee, as soon as possible and by no later than 1 July 2022, with a plan of action, including a time schedule, on how it will implement paragraphs 2 (a), (b) and (d) of decision VII/8b.

The text of decision VII/8b, as adopted at the seventh session, is available online at: https://unece.org/env/pp/cc/decision-vii8b-concerning-austria

Each of the Parties that are subject to a decision on compliance adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session must likewise prepare a plan of action by the same date. Following enquiries from several Parties as to what their own plan of action should look like, the Compliance Committee has agreed to hold an open session **next Tuesday, 14 December, from 12.00-13.00 CET**, during its seventy-third meeting, in order to provide guidance to Parties on the required content and format of their plans of action.

In addition to presentations by the Committee and secretariat to assist Parties to understand the format, content, and level of detail the required plan of action should include, there will also be opportunities for Parties to ask any questions and seek clarification from the Committee.

It is thus important that the representatives of Austria who will be involved in preparation of the plan of action take part in the session. Communicants and observers are also welcome to attend the session.

The session will be held in English, with interpretation in Russian and French provided. The provisional timeline for the Committee's seventy-third meeting is available at: https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Public-Participation/events/361661

I would be grateful if you would confirm **by noon CET this coming Thursday, 9 December**, that Austria will take part in the session.

In your email, please provide the names and email addresses of those who will take part. Participants will thereafter be provided with the Interprefy link to be able to join the open session next Tuesday.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know. We look forward to Austria's participation in next Tuesday's open session.

With kind regards, Fiona



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