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Compliance Committee

Twelfth meeting

Geneva, 1 and 2 March 2022

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twelfth meeting of the Compliance Committee

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 1 March 2022

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda for its twelfth meeting, as set out in the present document. A timeline, with allocation of time slots for different agenda items, will be made available on the meeting's web page¹ in due course.

2. Introduction of and solemn declaration by new Committee members

New members of the Compliance Committee will be invited to make a solemn declaration that they will perform their functions impartially and conscientiously, in accordance with paragraph 10 of the annex to decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.PRTR/2010/2/Add.1).

3. Submissions, referrals and communications

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 15–24 of the annex to decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties.

In this context, the Committee is expected to hold hearings to discuss the substance of communication PRTRPCC/C/2020/1 (Ukraine).² In accordance with decision I/2, annex, paragraph 36, the Parties concerned and the communicants are invited to participate in the discussion on the subject matter of the communication.

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

The Committee at its eighth meeting (Geneva (online), 30 and 31 March 2020) considered the draft findings on the subject matter 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.³

The Committee at its ninth meeting (Geneva (online), 28 and 29 April 2021) considered the response received from Finland⁴ and, noting several issues of potential non-compliance, but at the same time observing a number of measures that Finland was currently implementing or planning to implement, agreed to defer preparation of draft findings to a later stage. Pursuant to paragraphs 14 (b) and 40 (a) and (e) of the annex to decision I/2, the Committee also agreed to send a letter to Finland informing it about the Committee's decision and providing Finland with advice containing recommendations on specific measures so as to facilitate assistance regarding its compliance with the Protocol.⁵ The Committee is expected to consider any new information received with regard to the subject matter.

¹ Available at <https://unece.org/environmental-policy/conventions/public-participation/protocol-on-prtrs/protocol-bodies/compliance-committee/meetings>.

² See https://unece.org/env/pp/protocol-on-prtrs/cc/pre.prtrpcc.c.2020.1_ukraine.

³ ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2020/2, paras. 5–7.

⁴ Available at <https://unece.org/env/pp/protocol-on-prtrs/protocol-bodies/cc/correspondence>.

⁵ ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2021/2, paras. 9–11.

5. Lessons learned from the third reporting cycle concerning the implementation of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers

Pursuant to related deliberations at the Compliance Committee's eleventh meeting (Geneva, 22 October 2021),⁶ the Committee is expected to discuss and consider possible improvements for the upcoming fourth reporting cycle and for the preparation of the respective synthesis report.

6. Other business

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.

7. Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting

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

⁶ ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2021/6, paras. 5 and 6.