

## **Economic Commission for Europe**

### **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**

##### **Twelfth meeting**

Geneva, 1 March 2022

### **Key outcomes of the meeting<sup>1</sup>**

As adopted at the meeting

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

The Committee adopted the meeting's provisional agenda<sup>2</sup> with the changes regarding item three on postponement of the hearings on Ukraine; and took note of the revised meeting's timeline as was presented by the Chair.

#### **2. Introduction of and solemn declaration by new Committee members**

The Committee took note of the appointment of the new members of the Committee: Ms. Iordanca-Rodica Iordanov, Ms. Tina Janjatovic, and Ms. Kristina Tekić, and welcomed them to the Committee.

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

The Committee took note of the report by the secretariat informing the Committee that there were no submissions, referrals and communications since the Committee's latest meeting.

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

The Committee:

- Expressed its appreciation to Finland for the constructive cooperation on the matter;
- Concluded that, by establishing "FINPRTR", Finland addressed major issues provided in the Committee's advice;
- Noted that the work on improving "FINPRTR" is ongoing and invited Finland to provide the Committee with further update once the remaining planned measures are implemented, notably by 1 February of 2023, 2024 and 2025. In addition, the Committee agreed to cease its work on draft findings on the subject matter;
- Based on information received through the 2021 reporting cycle and para 15 of the synthesis report, the Committee decided to send similar (as to Finland) initial

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<sup>1</sup> This document was not formally edited.

<sup>2</sup> Available from: <https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/twelfth-meeting-protocol-prtrs-compliance-committee>.

letters to Estonia, Malta, Portugal and Slovenia with questions in order to clarify the matter and, as needed, to provide in due course its advice to the Parties concerned pursuant to paras 14 (b), 40 (a) and 40 (e) of the annex to decision I/2 (ECE/MP.PRTR/2010/2/Add.1).

- Agreed that letters outlining the above shall be sent by the Committee's Chair on behalf of the Committee to the each Party's national focal point and made available on the Committee's website.

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

The Committee agreed to identify possible improvements required for the upcoming fourth reporting cycle.

## **6. Other business**

No issues were discussed.

## **7. Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting**

The Chair presented the meeting's outcomes, which will be incorporated in the meeting report. The draft meeting report will be sent to the Committee members for possible comments and approval prior to its finalisation. The Chair closed the meeting.

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