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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

#### Tenth meeting

Geneva, 31 May and 1 June 2021

## Report of the Compliance Committee on its tenth meeting

### Introduction

1. The tenth meeting of the Compliance Committee under 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 (Aarhus Convention) took place in virtual format, on 31 May and 1 June 2021. Eight of the nine Committee members were present at the meeting: Mr. Merab Barbakadze (Georgia); Mr. Stéphane Bernaudon (France); Mr. Mario Božičević (Croatia); Mr. Akos Fehervary (Hungary); Mr. Fritz Kroiss (Austria); Mr. Juan Luis Martin Ortega (Spain) (Chair); Ms. Azemine Shakiri (North Macedonia); and Mr. Dmytro Skrylnikov (Ukraine). Mr. Gor Movsisyan (Armenia) (Vice-Chair) did not attend the meeting.

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

2. Mr. Martin Ortega (Chair) opened the meeting and the Compliance Committee adopted its agenda, as set out in document ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2021/3.

### II. Synthesis report on the implementation of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers

3. The Committee considered and revised at the meeting the draft 2021 synthesis report, and agreed to conclude its preparation through electronic means. The consolidated draft would then be sent to the Protocol's Bureau for comments. The Committee Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, would finalize the report taking into consideration the comments received from the Bureau.

### **III. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Committee**

4. The Committee at its ninth meeting (Geneva (online), 28 and 29 April 2021) agreed to send a letter to Finland informing it about the Committee's decision to defer preparation of draft findings concerning the implementation of a national PRTR to a later stage and providing Finland with advice containing recommendations on specific measures so as to facilitate assistance regarding its compliance with the Protocol.<sup>1</sup> The Committee took note of the report by the secretariat on preparation of advice with regard to Finland.

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

5. The Committee took note of the information provided by the secretariat that there had been no submissions, referrals or communications since the Committee's ninth meeting.

### **V. Other business**

6. The Committee discussed possible ways to improve the preparation of national implementation reports by Parties.

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

7. The Committee adopted the meeting's outcomes as presented by the Chair at the meeting and requested the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair, to finalize the report and incorporate the adopted outcomes.

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<sup>1</sup> ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2021/2, para. 10.