# Questionnaire for the report of CYPRUS on the implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context in the period 2019–2021

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### Part one

# **Current legal and administrative framework for the implementation of the Convention**

In this part, please provide the information requested, or revise any information relative to the previous report. Describe the legal, administrative and other measures taken in your country to implement the provisions of the Convention. This part should describe the framework for your country's implementation, and not its experience in the application of the Convention.

Please do not reproduce the text of the legislation itself but summarize and explicitly refer to the relevant provisions transposing the text of the Convention (for example, Environmental Impact Assessment Law of the Republic of ..., article 5 (3) of Government Resolution No. ..., para. ... item...)

### Article 1 Definitions

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I.1.1. Is the definition of the term "impact" for the purpose of the Convention the same in your legislation as that contained in article 1 (vii)?				
(a)	Yes √			
(b)	Yes, with some minor differences (please explain the differences):			
(c)	No, there are major differences (please explain the differences):			
(d)	The term "impact" is not defined in the legislation			
Your	comments:			
	Is the definition of the term "transboundary impact" for the purpose of the ention the same in your legislation as that contained in article 1 (viii)?			
(a)	Yes, the same $\sqrt{}$			
(b)	Yes, with some minor differences (please explain the differences):			
(c)	No, there are major differences (please explain the differences):			
(d)	The term "transboundary impact" is not defined in the legislation			
Your	comments:			
I.1.3. legisla	Please specify how the term "major change" is defined in your national ation:			
(a)	It is not defined [ (Please explain: )			
(b)	By using thresholds [ (Please explain: )			
(c)	By using criteria [ (Please explain: )			
(d) Law)	On a case-by-case basis $\sqrt{\text{(Please explain: Annex II, paragraph 13(a) of the National}}$			
Your	comments:			
I.1.4.	How do you identify the public "of the affected Party in the areas likely to be			

affected"? Please specify (more than one option may apply):

Based on the geographical location of the proposed project  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ 

(b) By making the information available to all members of the public and letting them identify themselves as the public concerned $$
(c) By other means (please specify):
Your comments:
I.1.5. How do you determine the "significance" of the environmental impact of the activities falling within the scope of the Convention?¹ Please specify (more than one option may apply), providing relevant explanations:
(a) By establishing threshold levels [ (please explain )
(b) By applying criteria related to the location of proposed activities $\square$ (please explain
(c) By applying criteria related to the nature of proposed activities $\square$ (please explain
(d) By applying criteria related to the size of proposed activities $\square$ (please explain
(e) By applying criteria related to the effects of proposed activities $\square$ (please explain
(f) Other (please explain):
(g) It is not determined √ (please explain: It's evaluated on a case-by-case basis)
Your comments:
I.1.6. Please clarify whether "cumulative impacts" are taken into account in transboundary procedures under the Convention in your national legislation and, if so, how:
(a) Yes, the legislation provides for taking into account cumulative impacts: $\sqrt{}$
Please explain: Article 2(2) of the National Law
(b) No, the legislation does not provide for taking into account cumulative impacts
Please explain:
Your comments:
Article 2 General provisions  I.2.1. Provide information on legislative, regulatory, administrative and other
measures taken in your country to implement the provisions of the Convention (art. 2 (2)):
(a) Law on environmental impact assessment (please provide exact title/reference number/year/access link, if any): Environmental Impact Assessment Law 127(I)2018-2021, http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/environment/environmentnew.nsf/All/9881AD1F3246743DC 225802800366434?OpenDocument and Law 24(III)/1999 for the Ratification of the Espoo Convention
(b) Environmental impact assessment provisions are transposed into another law/other laws (please specify and provide title(s) of the related legislation): N/A
(c) Regulation (please indicate number/year/title/related articles/access links): N/A

Although the term "significance" is not explicitly defined in the Convention, appendix III thereto provides general criteria to assist in determining the environmental significance of activities not listed in appendix I.

	Administrative (please indicate number/year/title/related articles/access links): N/A
(e)	Other (please specify):
	e explain: The national law includes provisions for both the assessment of the impacts ojects on the republic and the assessment of transboundary impacts of projects
	Is the list of activities referred to in appendix I to the Convention fully posed into your country's national legislation?
(a) natio	Yes. There is no difference, all activities referred to in appendix I are covered by nal legislation
Pleas	e elaborate, as needed:
as a	No. Activities covered by national legislation differ slightly from the activities red to in appendix I $$ Please explain: All activities in the Convention that were added result of the latest amendments undertaken, are currently included in the national action. Moreover, additional activities are added in the national legislation.
(c)	No, there are gaps remaining in the list of activities in the national legislation
Pleas	e explain:
	Indicate the competent authority/authorities responsible for carrying out the commental impact assessment procedure in your country. Please specify:
(a)	There are different authorities at the national, regional and local levels
(b)	Authorities are different for domestic and transboundary procedures
(c)	Authorities are the same for domestic and transboundary procedures $\sqrt{}$
	e name the authority/authorities and its/their responsibilities: Department of
	Is there an authority in your country that collects information on all the boundary environmental impact assessment cases? If so, please name it:
(a)	No 🗌
(b)	Yes√
	es", please clarify the type of information collected and provide access link, if available:
Depa	rtment of Environment
-	rtment of Environment comments:
Your	
Art Not I.3.1. consi	comments:
Art Not I.3.1. consi	icle 3 ification  Article 3 (1) states that: "The Party of origin shall notify any Party which it ders may be an affected Party as early as possible and no later than when ming its own public about that proposed activity." As a Party of origin, when do
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I.3.2.	Please define the format of notification used in your country:
	Notification is carried out using the tabular form in table 1 of decision I/4 on the for notification adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its first session MP.EIA/2, annex IV, appendix, para. 32 and table 1)
(b) decisio	Notification is carried out in the form of a letter containing all information detailed in on I/4 of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.EIA/2, annex IV, appendix, para. 34)
(c)	A combination of (a) and (b) above (ECE/MP.EIA/2, annex IV, appendix, para. 35)
(d)	The country has its own format \( \subseteq \text{(please attach a copy)} \)
(e)	No official format used $\sqrt{}$
Your o	comments:
	As a Party of origin, what information do you include in the notification (art. 3 Please specify (more than one options may apply):
(a) possib	Information on the proposed activity, including any available information on its le transboundary impact (art. 3 (2) (a) $\sqrt{}$
(b)	The nature of the possible decision (art. 3 (2) (b)) $\sqrt{}$
(c)	An indication of a reasonable time within which a response is required, taking into at the nature of the proposed activity (art. 3 (2) (c)) $\sqrt{}$
(d) includ	Relevant information regarding the environmental impact assessment procedure, ing an indication of the time schedule for transmittal of comments (art. 3 (5) (a)) $\sqrt{}$
(e) transbe	Relevant information on the proposed activity and its possible significant adverse oundary impact (art. 3 (5) (b)) $\sqrt{}$
(f)	Other (please specify):
Your o	comments:
origin indica	Article 3 (3) requires that "The affected Party shall respond to the Party of within the time specified in the notification". As a Party of origin, please te whether your country's legislative or regulatory framework defines a time for response to the notification by the affected Party/ies and, if so, how:
(a)	No, the time frame is not specified in the national legislation $\square$
(b)	Yes, the time frame is specified in the national legislation $\square$
Please	indicate the time frame or its range as per your national legislation, in weeks/days:
(c) basis	The time frame is determined and agreed with each affected Party on a case-by-case
determ	indicate the average time frame set on a case-by-case basis, in weeks/days: It is nined on a case-by-case basis. According to the Cyprus constitution, reasonable time ponse is 30 days
Your o	comments:
with the	Please specify the consequences should a notified affected Party not comply he time frame for responding to the notification, as required by article 3 (3), and rate on the possibilities of extending the deadline: No consequences are applied. Procedure carries on without the involvement of the affected Party
Your c	comments:

I.3.6. Article 3 (8) states that: "The concerned Parties shall ensure that the public of the affected Party in the areas likely to be affected be informed of the proposed activity". Which of the following approaches do you use to achieve this goal? Please specify:
(a) Informing the point of contact for the Convention listed on the Convention website $\!$
(b) Other (please specify): Your comments:
I.3.7. On what basis does your country, as an affected Party, make the decision to participate (or not) in the transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure? Please specify:
(a) Notified ministry/authority of the affected Party responsible for environmental impact assessment decides on its own based on the documentation provided by the Party of origin $\sqrt{}$
(b) Based on the opinion of the competent authorities of the affected Party [
(c) Based on the opinion of the competent authorities and of the public of the affected Party $\sqrt{}$
(d) Other (please specify):
Your comments:
I.3.8. Article 3 (5) (a) states that the Party of origin must provide affected Parties with "relevant information regarding the environmental impact assessment procedure, including an indication of the time schedule for transmittal of comments".
How does your country, as a Party of origin, determine the time schedule referred to in article 3 (5) (a)? Please specify:
(a) Following the rules and procedures of the Party of origin
(b) Following the rules and procedures of the affected Party/ies
(c) A combination of (a) and (b) above. Please specify the rules and procedures of the Party of origin and the affected Party/ies that are applied in the combination:
(d) Other (please specify): On a case-by-case basis – having a bilateral agreement with the party of origin
Your comments:
Articles 2 (6), 3 (8) and 4 (2) Public participation
I.3.9. Article 2 (6) of the Convention states that: "The Party of origin shall provide an opportunity to the public in the areas likely to be affected to participate in relevant environmental impact assessment procedures and shall ensure that the opportunity provided to the public of the affected Party is equivalent to that provided to the public of the Party of origin."

How does your country's environmental impact assessment legislation ensure that equivalent opportunities and rights to participate in the procedure are provided for the public of the affected Party?

(a) As an affected Party:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> List available at https://unece.org/environment-policyenvironmental-assessment/points-contact-regarding-notification.

	(i) the Pa proced	Not specified in the national legislation, but it is determined and agreed with rty of origin on a case-by-case basis at the beginning of the transboundary lure $\sqrt{}$
	(ii)	Specified in the national legislation as follows:
Your	comme	nts:
(b)	As a P	arty of origin:
	(i) rights	Not specified in the national legislation; such equivalent opportunities and cannot be ensured in the procedure
Please	explain	n:
	(ii) the aff	Not specified in the national legislation, but it is determined and agreed with fected Party on a case-by-case basis at the beginning of the transboundary lure $\sqrt{}$
	(iii)	Specified in the national legislation as follows:
Your o	comme	nts: Further to the transboundary procedures the local procedures are followed
the en	vironn	can the public of your country, as an affected Party, express its opinion on nental impact assessment documentation of the proposed project further (6), 3 (8) and 4 (2)? Please specify (more than one option may apply):
(a) origin, Party	or to	nding comments in writing directly to the competent authority of the Party of the ministry responsible for environmental affairs/focal point in the affected
	nmenta	rritory of the affected Party: by taking part in consultations [on the basis of the limpact assessment documentation] or a special event, where the opinions of officially registered $\sqrt{}$
(c) where		rritory of the Party of origin: by taking part in consultations or a special event, nions of the public are officially registered $$
(d)	Other	(please specify):
Your	comme	nts:
	arat	ion of the environmental impact nt documentation
enviro	nment	lo you determine the relevant information to be included in the al impact assessment documentation in accordance with article 4 (1)? y (more than one option may apply):
(a)	By usi	ng appendix II $\sqrt{}$
(b) phase,		ing the comments received from the authorities concerned during the scoping icable $\sqrt{}$

By using the comments received from members of the public during the scoping

As determined by the proponent based on its own expertise

By using other means (please specify):

phase, if applicable √

Your comments:

(d)

(e)

shall conti your	I.4.2. Article 4 states that: "The environmental impact assessment documentation shall contain, as a minimum, the information described in appendix II." What quality control measures are provided for in the legislative or administrative framework of your country, as a Party of origin, to ensure sufficient quality of the documentation? Please specify:			
	The competent authority checks the information provided and ensures that it includes a formation required under appendix II as a minimum before making it available for ments $\sqrt{}$			
(b)	By using quality checklists based on the requirements listed in appendix II			
(c)	There are no specific procedures or mechanisms			
(d)	Other (please specify):			
Your	comments:			
I.4.3 II (b)	How do you determine "reasonable alternatives" in accordance with appendix			
(a)	On a case-by-case basis √			
(b)	As defined in the national legislation (please specify):			
(c)	Other (please specify):			
Your	comments:			
Coi	icle 5 isultations on the basis of the environmental impact essment documentation			
I.5.				
orga	Does your national environmental impact assessment legislation provide for nizing transboundary consultations between the authorities of the Parties erned?			
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orga conc (a) (b) (c)	Does your national environmental impact assessment legislation provide for nizing transboundary consultations between the authorities of the Parties erned?  Yes, it is obligatory √  Yes, it is optional □ (please specify):			
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orga conc (a) (b) (c) Your Art Fin I.6.1. of or due a	Does your national environmental impact assessment legislation provide for nizing transboundary consultations between the authorities of the Parties erned?  Yes, it is obligatory √ Yes, it is optional ☐ (please specify): No, it does not have any provision on that ☐ comments:  icle 6 al decision  Please select from the list below the information that your country, as a Party igin, in accordance with its legislative and administrative framework, should take account of in the final decision on the proposed activity (art. 6 (1)):			
orga conc (a) (b) (c) Your  Art Fin  1.6.1 of or due a (a)	Does your national environmental impact assessment legislation provide for nizing transboundary consultations between the authorities of the Parties erned?  Yes, it is obligatory √ Yes, it is optional ☐ (please specify): No, it does not have any provision on that ☐ comments:  icle 6 al decision  Please select from the list below the information that your country, as a Party igin, in accordance with its legislative and administrative framework, should take account of in the final decision on the proposed activity (art. 6 (1)):  Conclusions of the environmental impact assessment documentation √			
orga conc (a) (b) (c) Your  Art Fin  1.6.1 of or due a (a) (b)	Does your national environmental impact assessment legislation provide for nizing transboundary consultations between the authorities of the Parties erned?  Yes, it is obligatory √ Yes, it is optional ☐ (please specify): No, it does not have any provision on that ☐ comments:  icle 6 al decision  Please select from the list below the information that your country, as a Party igin, in accordance with its legislative and administrative framework, should take account of in the final decision on the proposed activity (art. 6 (1)):  Conclusions of the environmental impact assessment documentation √ Comments received in accordance with articles 3 (8) and 4 (2) √			
orga conc (a) (b) (c) Your  Art Fin  1.6.1 of or due a (b) (c)	Does your national environmental impact assessment legislation provide for nizing transboundary consultations between the authorities of the Parties erned?  Yes, it is obligatory √ Yes, it is optional ☐ (please specify): No, it does not have any provision on that ☐ comments:  icle 6 al decision  Please select from the list below the information that your country, as a Party igin, in accordance with its legislative and administrative framework, should take account of in the final decision on the proposed activity (art. 6 (1)):  Conclusions of the environmental impact assessment documentation √ Comments received in accordance with articles 3 (8) and 4 (2) √ Outcome of the consultations as referred to in article 5 √ Outcomes of the transboundary consultations √			
orga conc (a) (b) (c) Your  Art Fin  I.6.1 of or due a (a) (b) (c) (d)	Does your national environmental impact assessment legislation provide for nizing transboundary consultations between the authorities of the Parties erned?  Yes, it is obligatory √ Yes, it is optional ☐ (please specify): No, it does not have any provision on that ☐ comments:  icle 6 al decision  Please select from the list below the information that your country, as a Party igin, in accordance with its legislative and administrative framework, should take account of in the final decision on the proposed activity (art. 6 (1)):  Conclusions of the environmental impact assessment documentation √ Comments received in accordance with articles 3 (8) and 4 (2) √ Outcome of the consultations as referred to in article 5 √			

Your comments:

1.6.2. Are the comments of the authorities and the public of the affected Party and the outcome of the consultations taken into consideration in the same way as the comments from the authorities and the public in your country (art. 6 (1))?:
(a) Yes √
(b) No Please explain the differences
Your comments:
I.6.3. According to article 6 (3): If additional information on the significant transboundary impact of a proposed activity, which was not available at the time a decision was made with respect to that activity and which could have materially affected the decision, becomes available to a concerned Party before work on that activity commences, that Party shall immediately inform the other concerned Party or Parties. If one of the concerned Parties so requests, consultations shall be held as to whether the decision needs to be revised.
Is there any regulation in your country that ensures the implementation of the provisions of article 6 (3)?
(a) No $\sqrt{}$
(b) Yes, by legislation ☐ (please specify):
(c) Yes, by other means [ (please specify):
Your comments:
I.6.4. Do all activities listed in appendix I (items 1–22) and major changes thereto require a final decision to authorize or undertake such an activity in your legislative framework?
(a) Yes √
(b) No [
If "No", please list those activities listed in appendix I or major changes thereto for which there is no requirement for a final decision. Please explain why those activities/major changes do not require a final decision in your national legislation.
Article 7 Post-project analysis
I.7. Is there any provision regarding implementation of post-project analysis in your national environmental impact assessment legislation (art. 7 (1))?
(a) No
(b) Yes √ Please specify: Obligation for monitoring
Your comments:

### Article 8

### Bilateral and multilateral cooperation

I.8.1. According to article 8: "The Parties may continue existing or enter into new bilateral or multilateral agreements or other arrangements in order to implement their obligations under this Convention and under any of its protocols to which they are a Party. Such agreements or other arrangements may be based on the elements listed in appendix VI."

Has your country established any bilateral or multilateral agreements to implement the Convention?
(a) No [
(b) Yes $\text{Please specify with which countries: Israel and Egypt - Cyprus has MoUs with these countries concerning environmental issues$
If publicly available, please also attach the texts of any such bilateral and multilatera agreements, preferably in English, French or Russian.
Your comments:
I.8.2. What issues do these bilateral agreements cover (appendix VI)? (More than on option may apply):
(a) Specific conditions of the subregion concerned
(b) Institutional, administrative and other arrangements
(c) Harmonization of the Parties' policies and measures
(d) Developing, improving and/or harmonizing methods for the identification measurement, prediction and assessment of impacts, and for post-project analysis
(e) Developing and/or improving methods and programmes for the collection, analysis storage and timely dissemination of comparable data regarding environmental quality i order to provide input into the environmental impact assessment
(f) Establishment of threshold levels and more specified criteria for defining th significance of transboundary impacts related to the location, nature or size of propose activities
(g) Undertaking joint environmental impact assessment, development of joint monitorin programmes, intercalibration of monitoring devices and harmonization of methodologies
(h) Other, please specify:
Your comments: The MoUs concern environmental issues in general and include the enforcement of the provisions of the ESPOO Convention where needed between the two countries

# Complimentary information related to legal implementation of the Convention

I.9.1. Please describe how the steps required under your national legislation for carrying out a transboundary procedure are interlinked with a domestic environmental impact assessment procedure in the lead-up to the final decision.

In doing so, please also describe differences between the steps (i.e. screening/scoping, preparation of the environmental impact assessment, consultation, public participation, making a final decision) of a domestic procedure and a transboundary procedure, if any:

- When the Environment Department acquires evidence that a certain development project may have a negative environmental effect on another member state of the EU (or a member state of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context -

Espoo, 1991), or if the affected member state requests for information regarding the above mentioned development project, then the Environment Department is obliged to provide all necessary information describing the project and the possible negative environmental effects.

- A reasonable time limit is allowed for the affected party, in order to express interest of participation (or not) in the assessment procedure.
- If the affected party expresses interest to participate in the assessment procedure, all relevant information regarding the project of transboundary context is sent in a timely manner to the affected party. Subsequently the party of origin and affected parties should cooperate, to formulate competent procedures aiming at a joint and effective environmental assessment of the project under study.
- As a Party of origin, the public is notified through public consultations, the Department's website, the government official gazette and public press, and can express its opinion on the EIA documentation of the proposed project by sending comments to the competent authority/focal point. As an affected party, in addition to the above, national legislation obliges competent authorities to organise at least one public hearing for the organised groups and representatives of the public which is possible to be affected by the proposed project.
- Taking into account the public's views/opinion and the affected party's contribution (if the Cyprus Government is the party of origin), a final decision regarding the project is taken. The decision which could be positive or negative, is uploaded on the Department of the Environment webpage and the government official gazette.

Alternatively, this question can be answered or supported by a schematic flow chart showing these steps.

Your comments:

1.9.2. Does your country have special provisions or informal arrangements concerning transboundary environmental impact assessment procedures for joint cross-border projects, the construction of nuclear power plants and/or their lifetime extension?

Joint cross-border projects		Construction of nuclear power plants		Lifetime extension of nuclear power plants	
(a)	No √	(a)	No √	(a)	No √
(b)	Yes 🗌	(b)	Yes 🗌	(b)	Yes 🗌
(i)	Special provisions:	(i)	Special provisions:	(i)	Special provisions:
(ii) arran	Informal gements:	(ii) arran	Informal gements:	(ii) arran	Informal agements:
Please explain: Plea		se explain:	Pleas	se explain:	

Your comments:

# Part two Practical application during the period 2019–2021<sup>3</sup>

Please report on your country's practical experiences in applying the Convention (not your country's procedures, as described in part one), whether as a Party of origin or as an affected Party. The focus here is on identifying good practices as well as difficulties Parties have encountered in applying the Convention in practice. The goal is to enable Parties to share solutions. Please therefore provide appropriate examples highlighting application of the Convention and innovative approaches to improving its application.

Part two also focuses on general issues arising from the sixth review of implementation of the Convention (2016–2018)<sup>a</sup> and issues that have been identified as priorities by Parties in the 2021–2023 workplan.<sup>b</sup> It also addresses the goals of the Long-term strategy and the action plan for the Convention and the Protocol that requires that the reviews of implementation be adapted, in particular, "to maximize their usefulness as a source of information, highlight progress achieved, draw attention to areas that need improvement, disseminate best practice ...".<sup>c</sup>

### A.List of transboundary procedures initiated during the period 2019–2021

II.1. Please indicate, in the table provided in annex I to the present questionnaire, the total number of transboundary environmental impact assessment procedures initiated in the reporting period in relation to activities listed in appendix I to the Convention and in which your country was a Party of origin or affected Party. Please also indicate the number and types of transboundary procedures related to activities not listed in appendix I that your country implemented in the reporting period as a Party of origin or as an affected Party, if any.

Your comments: Not such procedures initiated through the reporting period

II. 2. Please list transboundary environmental impact assessment procedures referred to in question II.1. above using table 1 of annex II to the present questionnaire for procedures in which your country was a Party of origin and table (2) for procedures in which your country was an affected Party.

Your comments: Not such procedures initiated through the reporting period

- II.3. According to paragraph 10 of decision VIII/5 of the Meeting of the Parties the project lists referred to in question II.2 above and annex II to the present questionnaire are to be posted on the ECE website. Should your country object to this, however, please indicate "Yes" and explain, as relevant:
- (a) Yes (my country has an objection the compilation and posting of this information) 
  Please explain:
- (b) No (no objection)  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$

Your comments:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> United Nations publication, ECE/MP.EIA/32.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> ECE/MP.EIA/30/Add.1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13/Add.1, decision VIII/2–IV/2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> ECE/MP.EIA/30/Add.1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13/Add.1, decision VIII/3–IV/3, annex, item II.A.9.

Part II of this questionnaire is not considered to be a reporting obligation according to the Convention. Parties are encouraged to share examples of good practice, subject to their capabilities and the availability of relevant data.

### B. Experience in the transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure during the period 2019–2021

Please share with other Parties your country's experience of using the Convention in practice. When responding to each of the questions below, please provide one or two practical examples and/or describe your country's general experience. You might also include examples of lessons learned in order to help others.

II.4. Please provide at least one example of the implementation of the Convention for an activity listed in appendix I to the Convention based on the template contained in annex III to the present questionnaire.

Your comments:

- II.5. The Convention does not refer to the translation of environmental impact assessment documentation and to other language-related issues as important prerequisites for providing effective public participation of potentially affected Parties in a transboundary procedure. As an affected Party, please specify in which language(s) the environmental impact assessment documentation is made available for your own public to ensure effective public participation in transboundary procedures. (You may select several options, as needed):
- (a) In the official language(s) of the country  $\sqrt{\text{Please specify: Greek}}$
- (b) Information in English is acceptable  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$
- (c) Please list other languages that fulfil the requirements of effective public participation in your country, if applicable:

Your comments

- II.6. What difficulties has your country experienced with regard to translation of environmental impact assessment documentation and interpretation during consultation meetings with authorities, or during events organized within the public participation procedure, if applicable, and what solutions has it found?
- (a) Experience with regard to translation of the environmental impact assessment documentation
  - (i) As a Party of origin:
  - (ii) As an affected Party:
- (b) Experience with regard to interpretation during consultation meetings with authorities
  - (i) As a Party of origin:
  - (ii) As an affected Party:
- (c) Experience with regard to interpretation during public participation-related events
  - (i) As a Party of origin:
  - (ii) As an affected Party:

Your comments: There is no experience in these issues

- II.7. Which Party covers the cost of translation of environmental impact assessment documentation?
- (a) As a Party of origin:
- (b) As an affected Party:
- (c) Other, please specify:

Your comments: There is no experience in these issues

	ry usually translate/require to be translated?
(a)	As a Party of origin:
(b)	As an affected Party:
Your	comments: There is no experience in these issues
II.9. your	Has the issue of translation been addressed in bilateral agreements between country and other Parties?
(a)	Yes Please explain how it has been addressed:
(b)	No √
Your	comments:
	As a Party of origin, how and in which language do you usually provide onmental impact assessment documentation to the affected Party?
(a) Englis	A full set of environmental impact assessment documentation is translated into sh $\square$
(b) Please	Selected parts of the documentation are translated in English  expecify which parts are translated and how they are selected
(c) affect	A full set of environmental impact assessment documentation is translated into the ed Party's language $\square$
(d) the Please	Selected parts of environmental impact assessment documentation are translated into language of the affected Party  expecify which parts are translated and how they are selected
(e)	Other (please specify)
Your	comments: There is not such experience yet
	. Please indicate how the costs of interpretation during the events organized n the public participation procedure are covered:
(a)	By the developer: Please explain:
(b)	By the Party of origin alone:   Please explain
(c)	By the affected Party alone: Please explain
(d)	Shared by both Parties concerned upon an agreement:
(e) Partie	Please provide details of related agreements and considerations based on which the s concerned agreed to share the translation costs:
(f)	Other (please specify)
Your	comments: There is not such experience yet
public (2) an frame	Please describe any difficulties that your country has encountered during c participation procedures and consultations referred to in articles 2 (5), 3 (8), 4 d 5 with regard to issues not covered above; for example, with regard to time es for the duration of public participation and the consultation period and the for additional information:
(a)	As a Party of origin:
	(i) Experience with public participation
	(ii) Experience with consultations under article 5
(b)	As an affected Party:
	(i) Experience with public participation

(ii) Experience with consultations under article 5 Your comments: There is not such experience yet II.13. Has your country carried out post-project analyses in the period 2019–2021: No √ (a) (b) Yes 🗌 Please list the projects for which post-project analysis was carried out, describing challenges and lessons learned, if any: Your comments: II.14. Does your country have successful examples of organizing transboundary environmental impact assessment procedures in any of the categories of projects indicated below? Construction of nuclear power Lifetime extension of nuclear power Joint cross-border projects plants plants No √ No √ No √ (a) (a) (a) Yes  $\square$ Yes 🗌 Yes  $\square$ (b) (b) (b) If "Yes", please describe what, in your opinion, made it successful, for example, means of cooperation (for example, contact points, joint bodies, bilateral agreements, special and common provisions, etc.), institutional arrangements, and how practical matters are dealt with (for example, translation, interpretation, transmission of documents, etc.): For joint cross-border projects: (a)

- For construction of nuclear power plants: (b)
- For lifetime extension of nuclear power plants:

You may also wish to describe the example using annex III to the present questionnaire.

Your comments:

II.15. Please provide examples from your experience during the reporting period (either complete cases or elements such as notification, consultation and public participation) for the information of Parties that, in your view, constitute good practice or lessons learned on various topics:

Your comments:

II.16. The Long-term strategy and the action plan for the Convention and the Protocol4 recommends enhancing the use of the networks of national focal points for administrative matters<sup>5</sup> and points of contact for notification<sup>6</sup> published on the website of the Convention. Does your country use the networks for contacting the affected Parties' authorities?

- Yes, my country makes use of the networks (a)
- My country is aware of the networks but is not using them  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ (b)

Please explain why, and describe the alternative ways used by your country to identify which competent authority of the affected Party to contact:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ECE/MP.EIA/2020/3-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2020/3, item II.A.7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> List of Focal Points for Administrative Matters, available at https://unece.org/environmentpolicyenvironmental-assessment/focal-points-administrative-matters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> List of Points of Contact regarding Notification, available at https://unece.org/environmentpolicyenvironmental-assessment/points-contact-regarding-notification.

Your comments:

II.17. Please specify what quality control measures your country, as a Party of origin, applies to ensure sufficient quality of environmental impact assessment documentation and, in particular, that said documentation contains, as a minimum, information described in appendix II to the Convention.

Your comments: Specific guidelines have been prepared that deal with specific requirements about the environmental study. In addition, the EIA committee act as consultant to the environmental authority and have the possibility to request additional information

II.18. Please specify whether alternatives are assessed in the environmental impact assessment documentation and, if so, how. If possible, provide at least one example of such assessment, either as a Party of origin or as an affected Party, or both No alternatives

Your comments:

II.19.	lease specify whether the following issues are considered in the environment:
impac	assessment documentation:

ımpac	t assessment documentation:
(a)	Biodiversity √
(b)	Climate change $\sqrt{}$
(c)	Circular economy $\sqrt{\text{where applicable}}$
(d)	Sustainable Development Goal implementation $\sqrt{\text{where applicable}}$
(e)	Smart and sustainable cities √ where applicable
(f)	Sustainable infrastructure $\sqrt{\text{where applicable}}$
(g)	Renewables $\sqrt{\text{where applicable}}$
(h)	Other issues not listed above (please specify):
	provide at least one example of how one of the above-mentioned issues is addressed environmental impact assessment documentation:

You may wish to use the template in annex III to the questionnaire.

Your comments:

II.20. Please indicate whether, in your country's practice, cumulative impacts are taken into account during the assessment under the Convention and, if so, how:

(a)	No √
(b)	Yes
If "Ye	es", please provide at least one example of how cumulative impacts are considered.

Your comments:

Your comments:

II.21. Please indicate whether health issues are taken into account in your country during the assessment under the Convention in practice and, if so, how:

durin	g the assessment under the Convention in practice and, if so, how:
(a)	No √
(b)	Yes
ſf "Υ€	es", please provide at least one example of how health issues are taken into account

# II.22. Please indicate whether environmental impact assessments implemented in your country can be considered to have contributed to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals and their specific targets:

(a) No, there is no evidence that environmental impact assessments contribute to attainment of Sustainable Development Goals $$	the
(b) Yes, (certain) environmental impact assessments significantly contributed to attainment of Sustainable Development Goals	the
(c) Yes, (certain) environmental impact assessments contributed somewhat to attainment of Sustainable Development Goals	the
If "Yes", please list the most relevant Sustainable Development Goals <sup>7</sup> (and their targets) a provide [at least one] example[s] of how environmental impact assessment has contribute to their attainment.	
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Your comments:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> In 2017, the Meetings of the Parties acknowledged that the Convention and, in particular the Protocol, contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (ECE/MP.EIA/23/Add.1– ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7/Add.1, decision VII/7–III/6, Minsk Declaration, para. 7). Selected examples of Sustainable Development Goal targets that strategic environmental assessment could help to implement include the following (see informal document to the fifth meeting of the Working Group (Geneva, 11–15 April 2016):

<sup>(</sup>a) Sustainable Development Goal 3 – Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages (targets 3.9 and 3.d);

<sup>(</sup>b) Sustainable Development Goal 6 – Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (targets 6.3, 6.5–6.6 and 6.a–6.b);

<sup>(</sup>c) Sustainable Development Goal 7 – Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (targets 7.2 and 7.a);

<sup>(</sup>d) Sustainable Development Goal 8 – Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all (target 8.4);

<sup>(</sup>e) Sustainable Development Goal 9 – Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation (targets 9.1 and 9.4);

<sup>(</sup>f) Sustainable Development Goal 11 – Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable (targets 11.3–11.4, 11.6 and 11.a–11.b);

<sup>(</sup>g) Sustainable Development Goal 12 – Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns (targets 12.2 and 12.4–12.5);

<sup>(</sup>h) Sustainable Development Goal 13 – Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts (targets 13.1–13.3);

<sup>(</sup>i) Sustainable Development Goal 14 – Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development (target 14.1);

<sup>(</sup>j) Sustainable Development Goal 15 – Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss (targets 15.1 and 15.4);

<sup>(</sup>k) Sustainable Development Goal 16 – Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels (targets 16.6–16.7 and 16.10);

<sup>(</sup>l) Sustainable Development Goal 17 – Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development (targets 17.13 and 17.16–17.17). For more details, see ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2016/5/INF.16, available at http://staging2.unece.org.net4all.ch/fileadmin/DAM/env/eia/documents/WG2.5\_April2016/Informal\_document\_16\_ece.mp.eia.wg.2.2016.INF.16\_Sustainable Development Goal\_Mapping.pdf.

### C. Experience in using the available guidance documents in 2019–2021

# II.23. Have you used in practice the following guidance, adopted by the Meeting of the Parties and available online?

Title of guidance document	Use of guidance	Your comments and/or suggestions for improving or supplementing the guidance
Guidance on Public	I use it √	
Participation in Environmental Impact Assessment in a	I do not use it	
Transboundary Context	Please specify:	
(ECE/MP.EIA/7)	(i) I am not aware of the guidance	
	(ii) The guidance is not relevant □	
	(iii) The guidance is outdated and needs revision ☐	
Guidance on subregional	I use it	
cooperation (ECE/MP.EIA/6, annex V, appendix)	I do not use it $\sqrt{}$	
amien v, appendin)	Please specify:	
	(i) I am not aware of the guidance ☐	
	(ii) The guidance is not relevant ☐	
	(iii) The guidance is outdated and needs revision ☐	
Guidance on the Practical	I use it $\sqrt{}$	
Application of the Espoo Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/8)	I do not use it	
(	Please specify:	
	(i) I am not aware of the guidance	
	(ii) The guidance is not relevant □	
	(iii) The guidance is outdated and needs revision ☐	
Guidance on the applicability	I use it	
of the Convention to the lifetime extension of nuclear	I do not use it $\sqrt{}$	
power plants	Please specify:	
(ECE/MP.EIA/2020/9)	(i) I am not aware of the guidance	
	(ii) The guidance is not relevant □	
	(iii) The guidance is outdated and needs revision ☐	

Title of guidance document	Use of guidance	Your comments and/or suggestions for improving or supplementing the guidance
Good Practice	I use it	
Recommendations on the Application of the Convention	I do not use it $\sqrt{}$	
to Nuclear Energy-related	Please specify:	
Activities (ECE/MP.EIA/24)	(i) I am not aware of the document	
	(ii) The document is not relevant ☐	
	(iii) The document is outdated and needs revision	
Revised Guidelines on	I use it	
Environmental Impact Assessment in a	I do not use it $\sqrt{}$	
Transboundary Context for	Please specify:	
Central Asian Countries (ECE/MP.EIA/28)	(i) I am not aware of the document	
	(ii) The document is not relevant	
	(iii) The document is outdated and needs revision	
Guidance on Notification	I use it	
according to the Espoo Convention	I do not use it $\sqrt{}$	
(ECE/MP.EIA/12)	Please specify:	
	(i) I am not aware of the guidance	
	(ii) The guidance is not relevant □	
	(iii) The guidance is outdated and needs revision	
Your comments:		
Clarity of the Convention	n	
	difficulties implementing the p of origin or as an affected Par	
No √		
_	rovisions and how they are uncle	ear:
Your comments:	·	

D.

### E. Contributions to the funding of the workplans

fund v	vas alro	indicate whether the information regarding contributions to the trust eady provided by your country in the responses to the questionnaire ne Protocol and covered both the Convention and the Protocol:
(i)	Yes [	
(ii)	No √	
If "No	", pleas	e provide the information regarding the contributions to the trust fund below.
Your c	ommer	nts:
2020, i all Par and pr 2021–2 workp contri	the Me ties to oporti 2023, b lans, tl	gh paragraph 4 of decision VII/4–III/4, applicable for the period 2017–etings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol jointly "urge[d] contribute to ensuring sustainable funding of activities and an equitable onate sharing of the financial burden among the Parties".8 For the period y paragraph 1 of decision VIII/1–IV/1, regarding funding of the adopted he Meeting of the Parties decided that "all the Parties have a duty to the sharing of the costs that are not covered by the United Nations et".9
(a) during		indicate whether your Government contributed to the funding of the workplans orting period, indicating also the currency and the amount of the contribution:
	(i)	My Government made a multi-year contribution for the period 2017–2020
	Please	indicate when the contribution was provided (year), amount and currency:
	,	Individual contribution in 2019  Yes   Amount and currency:  No √ Please explain the reason: Not available budget
		Individual contribution in 2020:
		Yes Amount and currency:
		No √ Please explain the reason: Not available budget
	(iv)	Individual contribution in 2021:
		Yes Amount and currency:
		No $\sqrt{\text{Please explain the reason: Not available budget}}$
	(v) 2023	Please indicate any plans of your country to contribute for the period 2021-
(b)	Did yo	our country make in-kind contributions in the reporting period?
	Yes [	Please describe how:
	No √ I	Please explain the reason
Sugg	ested	improvements to the report

II.27. Please provide further suggestions (preferably specific drafting proposals

including wording suggestions) for how this report could be improved.

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<sup>8</sup> ECE/MP.EIA/23.Add.1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7/Add.1.

<sup>9</sup> ECE/MP.EIA/30/Add.1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13/Add.1.

### Annex I

## Number of transboundary procedures initiated by your country, as a Party of origin, and participated in, as an affected Party, in the reporting period

Activities listed in appendix I to the Convention

 $egin{array}{lll} No. \ of & No. \ of \\ procedures & procedures \\ as \ a \ PoO^a & as \ an \ AP^b \\ \end{array}$ 

- 1. Crude oil refineries (excluding undertakings manufacturing only lubricants from crude oil) and installations for the gasification and liquefaction of 500 metric tons or more of coal or bituminous shale per day.
- 2. (a) Thermal power stations and other combustion installations with a heat output of 300 megawatts or more;
- 2. (b) Nuclear power stations and other nuclear reactors, including the dismantling or decommissioning of such power stations or reactors 1/ (except research installations for the production and conversion of fissionable and fertile materials, whose maximum power does not exceed 1 kilowatt continuous thermal load).
- 3. (a) Installations for the reprocessing of irradiated nuclear fuel;
- 3. (b) Installations designed:
  - For the production or enrichment of nuclear fuel;
  - For the processing of irradiated nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste;
  - For the final disposal of irradiated nuclear fuel;
  - Solely for the final disposal of radioactive waste; or
  - Solely for the storage (planned for more than 10 years) of irradiated nuclear fuels or radioactive waste in a different site than the production site.
- 4. Major installations for the initial smelting of cast iron and steel and for the production of non-ferrous metals.
- 5. Installations for the extraction of asbestos and for the processing and transformation of asbestos and products containing asbestos: for asbestos-cement products, with an annual production of more than 20,000 metric tons finished product; for friction material, with an annual production of more than 50 metric tons finished product; and for other asbestos utilization of more than 200 metric tons per year.
- 6. Integrated chemical installations.

No. of No. of procedures procedures Activities listed in appendix I to the Convention as a  $PO^a$  as an  $AP^b$ 

- 7. (a) Construction of motorways, express roads 2/ and lines for long-distance railway traffic and of airports 3/ with a basic runway length of 2,100 metres or more;
- 7. (b) Construction of a new road of four or more lanes, or realignment and/or widening of an existing road of two lanes or less so as to provide four or more lanes, where such new road, or realigned and/or widened section of road, would be 10 km or more in a continuous length.
- 8. Large-diameter pipelines for the transport of oil, gas or chemicals.
- 9. Trading ports and also inland waterways and ports for inland-waterway traffic which permit the passage of vessels of over 1,350 metric tons.
- 10.(a) Waste-disposal installations for the incineration, chemical treatment or landfill of toxic and dangerous wastes;
- 10.(b) Waste-disposal installations for the incineration or chemical treatment of non-hazardous waste with a capacity exceeding 100 metric tons per day.
- 11. Large dams and reservoirs.
- 12. Groundwater abstraction activities or artificial groundwater recharge schemes where the annual volume of water to be abstracted or recharged amounts to 10 million cubic metres or more.
- 13. Pulp, paper and board manufacturing of 200 air-dried metric tons or more per day.
- 14. Major quarries, mining, on-site extraction and processing of metal ores or coal.
- 15. Offshore hydrocarbon production. Extraction of petroleum and natural gas for commercial purposes where the amount extracted exceeds 500 metric tons/day in the case of petroleum and 500 000 cubic metres/day in the case of gas.
- 16. Major storage facilities for petroleum, petrochemical and chemical products.
- 17. Deforestation of large areas.
- 18.(a) Works for the transfer of water resources between river basins where this transfer aims at preventing possible shortages of water and where the amount of water transferred exceeds 100 million cubic metres/year (transfers of piped drinking water are excluded);
- 18.(b) In all other cases, works for the transfer of water resources between river basins where the multi-annual average flow of the basin of abstraction exceeds 2 000 million cubic metres/year and where the amount of water transferred exceeds 5 per cent of this flow (transfers of piped drinking water are excluded).
- 19. Wastewater treatment plants with a capacity exceeding 150 000 population equivalent.

	No. of	No. of
	procedures	proceaures
Activities listed in appendix I to the Convention	as a PoO <sup>a</sup>	as an $AP^b$

- 20. Installations for the intensive rearing of poultry or pigs with more than:
  - 85 000 places for broilers;
  - 60 000 places for hens;
  - 3 000 places for production pigs (over 30 kg);
  - 900 places for sows.
- 21. Construction of overhead electrical power lines with a voltage of 220 kV or more and a length of more than 15 km.
- 22. Major installations for the harnessing of wind power for energy production (wind farms).

Activities not listed in appendix I for which your country implemented a transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure in the reporting period

- 1. [add the activity]
- 2. ...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Party of origin.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Affected Party.

### **Annex II**

# A detailed list of the transboundary procedures in which your party participated as a Party of origin (table 1) and as an affected Party (table 2) in the reporting period

Table 1
Transboundary environmental impact assessment procedures as a Party of origin

Please find below an example of expected types of answers in each column and feel free to add additional rows as needed

					Please use as checkl	se as checkbox for referring to the progress and indicate the date, if available			
	Project name	Starting date (date of the notification sent)	Affected Party/ Parties	Timing of the notification	Submission of the environmental report	Transboundary consultations between authorities concerned, if any	Public participation, (please also indicate the means, for example, written comments, events organized, etc.) if any	Final decision (date of issue, if information is available)	
1.	For example, Project "A"	Date	Party A State of the procedure	Date	Date	Date	Date		
			Party B	(select as appropriate) screening/scoping/reviewi ng the environmental impact assessment documentation:	i	from: to:	from:		
							to:		
				Date					
2.									
3.									
4.									

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Table 2
Transboundary environmental impact assessment procedures as an affected Party
Please find below an example of expected types of answers in each column, and feel free to add additional rows as needed

					Please use as checkbox for referring to the progress and indicate the date if available			
	Project name	Starting date (When was the notification received and at which stage of the procedure?) – Date of the response to the notification	Party of origin	When were the documents on screening and scoping received, if available?	Comments to the environmental report (date when comments were provided)	Transboundary consultations between authorities concerned, if any (time frame)	Public participation, indicating the means: for example, written comments, events organized,) if any	Final decision (date when final decision was received)
1.	For example, Project A	Notification	Party A	Date	Date	Time	Yes/No	Date
		received: date  Response sent:				from: to:	Written comments: time	
		date					interval	
		Stage of the procedure (select as appropriate)					Event(s) organized: date(s)	
		-screening -scoping -reviewing						
		the environmental impact assessment documentation						
2.	Project B							
3.								
4.								

#### **Annex III**

# Template to describe an example of application of a transboundary procedure in accordance with the Convention in the reporting period

Please provide at least one example of application of a transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure in accordance with the Convention in the reporting period using the template and reflecting on the priorities of the 2021–2023 workplan and the long-term strategy. Should you wish to share more examples, please copy the template, as needed.

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Please provide the following general information about the selected examp	ole:
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- 1. Title of the transboundary procedure:
- 2. Party's role in the procedure and a list and roles of other Parties involved

2. I dity 5 fole in the procedure and a list and for	es of other rarties involved					
Party of origin:	Affected Party:					
Affected Party/ies: (please list)	Party/ies of origin: (please list)					
3. Duration and period of implementation:	Duration and period of implementation:					
4. Stage(s)/step(s) of the procedure presented in	this example:					
The entire procedure						
Notification (art. 3):	Notification (art. 3):					
Preparation of the environmental impact assessment	documentation (art. 4):					
Consultations of the basis of the environmental impact assessment documentation (art. 5 (a)–(c))						
Final decision (art. 6):						
Post-project analysis (art. 7, if applicable)						
Other , please specify:						

### II. BACKGROUND

Please provide a short description of the activity, the context of its development and general information about the environmental impact assessment procedure

# III. PROCEDURE UNDER THE CONVENTION AND ELEMENTS OF GOOD PRACTICE

Please describe, in more detail, using the subsections below, the procedural step(s) considered to represent good practice and then explain why that is.

- 1. **Notification** (art. 3):
- 2. Preparation of the environmental impact assessment documentation (art. 4):

In addition to the description above regarding the preparation of the environmental impact assessment documentation, please indicate the following:

(a) What alternatives were assessed and presented in the environmental impact assessment documentation?

- (i) At what level of detail were the alternatives described?
- (ii) What methods and/or assessment grids were used for the selection of the most reasonable alternative?
- (b) Whether the following issues were covered in the environmental impact assessment documentation and, if so, how:
  - (i) Biodiversity
  - (ii) Climate change
  - (iii) Circular economy
  - (iv) Sustainable Development Goal implementation
  - (v) Smart and sustainable cities
  - (vi) Sustainable infrastructure
  - (vii) Renewables
  - (viii) Other issues not listed above:
- 3. Consultations on the basis of the environmental impact assessment documentation (art. 5 (a)–(c)):
- 4. Final decision (art. 6):
- **5. Post-project analysis** (art. 7, if applicable):

# IV. LESSONS LEARNED AND ADVICE TO OTHER PARTIES:

1. Please indicate:

Challenges in carrying out the procedure, if any, and how they were tackled

Lessons learned and advice to other Parties:

2. As relevant, please also refer to the contribution of the above application of environmental impact assessment procedure towards the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals<sup>1</sup> or climate objectives:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 2017, the Meetings of the Parties acknowledged that the Convention and in particular the Protocol contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (ECE/MP.EIA/23/Add.1– ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7/Add.1, decision VII/7–III/6, Minsk Declaration, para. 7). Selected examples of Sustainable Development Goal targets that strategic environmental assessment could help to implement include the following (see informal document to the fifth meeting of the Working Group (Geneva, 11–15 April 2016):

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<sup>(</sup>c) Sustainable Development Goal 7 – Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (targets 7.2 and 7.a);

<sup>(</sup>d) Sustainable Development Goal 8 – Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all (target 8.4);

<sup>(</sup>e) Sustainable Development Goal 9 – Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation (targets 9.1 and 9.4);

<sup>(</sup>f) Sustainable Development Goal 11 – Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable (targets 11.3–11.4, 11.6 and 11.a–11.b);

<sup>(</sup>g) Sustainable Development Goal 12 – Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns (targets 12.2 and 12.4–12.5);

<sup>(</sup>h) Sustainable Development Goal 13 – Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts (targets 13.1–13.3);

# V. ANY OTHER INFORMATION NOT INCLUDED ABOVE THAT YOU MAY WISH TO SHARE:

<sup>(</sup>i) Sustainable Development Goal 14 – Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development (target 14.1);

<sup>(</sup>j) Sustainable Development Goal 15 – Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss (targets 15.1 and 15.4);

<sup>(</sup>k) Sustainable Development Goal 16 – Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels (targets 16.6–16.7 and 16.10);

<sup>(1)</sup> Sustainable Development Goal 17 – Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development (targets 17.13 and 17.16–17.17). For more details, see ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2016/5/INF.16, available at http://staging2.unece.org.net4all.ch/fileadmin/DAM/env/eia/documents/WG2.5\_April2016/Informal\_document 16 ece.mp.eia.wg.2.2016.INF.16 Sustainable Development Goal Mapping.pdf.