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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

#### Thirteenth meeting

Geneva, 7 and 8 March 2023

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

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

## Annotated provisional agenda for the thirteenth meeting of the Compliance Committee\*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 March 2023

### I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Introduction of and solemn declaration by new Committee members.
3. Submissions, referrals, communications and advice.
4. National pollutant release and transfer registers in the European Union member States.
5. Other business.
6. Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting.

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\* This document was scheduled for publication after the standard publication date owing to circumstances beyond the submitter's control.



## II. Annotations

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

The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda for its thirteenth meeting, as set out in the present document. A timeline, with allocation of time slots for different agenda items, along with other documents, will be made available on the meeting's web page<sup>1</sup> 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, communications and advice

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, any communications from the public regarding Parties' compliance, or provision of advice or assistance as provided for in paragraphs 15–24 and 40 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).<sup>2</sup> The discussion on the substance of communication PRTRPCC/C/2020/1 (Ukraine) was postponed by the Committee at its twelfth meeting (Geneva (online), 1 March 2022) due to the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation.<sup>3</sup> 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.

Furthermore, the Committee is expected to consider request for advisory support PRTRPCC/A/2022/1 (Ukraine).<sup>4</sup>

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

Based on information received through 2021 national implementation reports and the synthesis report,<sup>5</sup> the Committee at its twelfth meeting decided to send initial letters to Estonia, Malta, Portugal and Slovenia with questions related to the pollutant release and transfer register systems in those countries and, as needed, to provide in due course its advice to the Parties concerned pursuant to paragraphs 14 (b) and 40 (a) and (e) of the annex to decision I/2.<sup>6</sup> The Committee is expected to consider any new information received with regard to the subject matter.

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/thirteenth-meeting-protocol-prtrs-compliance-committee>.

<sup>2</sup> See [https://unece.org/env/pp/protocol-on-prtrs/cc/pre.prtrpcc.c.2020.1\\_ukraine](https://unece.org/env/pp/protocol-on-prtrs/cc/pre.prtrpcc.c.2020.1_ukraine).

<sup>3</sup> ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2022/2, para. 2.

<sup>4</sup> See <https://unece.org/env/pp/protocol-on-prtrs/cc/advice-or-assistance>.

<sup>5</sup> ECE/MP.PRTR/2021/10, para. 15.

<sup>6</sup> ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2022/2, para. 7.

**5. 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.

**6. Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting**

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

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