

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

Thirteenth meeting

Geneva, 7 and 8 March 2023

DECISIONS AND MAJOR OUTCOMES¹ as adopted by the Compliance Committee at its thirteenth meeting

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The Committee adopted the meeting's provisional agenda (ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2023/1).

2. Introduction of and solemn declaration by new Committee members

The Committee took note of the appointment of the new member of the Committee, Ms. Teresa Weber, and welcomed her to the Committee.

3. Submissions, referrals, communications and advice

The Committee:

- Took note of the report by the secretariat that there were no submissions, referrals and communications, and that there was one request for advisory support submitted by Ukraine (PRTRPCC/A/2022/1 (Ukraine)), since the Committee's latest meeting.
- Held hearings with regard to the communication (PRTRPCC/C/2020/1 (Ukraine)) and with regard to the request for advisory support (PRTRPCC/A/2022/1 (Ukraine)) with the presence of the Party concerned and the communicant. The Committee clarified a number of issues and considered that it requires more information with regard to the communication (PRTRPCC/C/2020/1 (Ukraine)) and with regard to the request for advisory support (PRTRPCC/A/2022/1 (Ukraine)). The Committee agreed to send questions to the Party concerned to seek additional information. The Committee will continue its deliberations on the draft findings on the communication, taking into account the information received. Once draft findings are prepared, they will be sent to the Party concerned and to the Communicant for comments. The Committee will also continue its deliberations on the advice with regard to the Law of Ukraine on PRTRs (The Law on the National Register of Emissions and Transfer of Pollutants), taking into account the information received. Once the draft advice is prepared, it will be sent to the Party concerned for possible comments; the Communicant will be informed about this and will have opportunity to provide its comments on the draft advice.

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

The Committee:

- Expressed its appreciation to Estonia, Portugal and Slovenia for the constructive cooperation on the matter;
- Considered the answers provided by the above-mentioned Parties, and noting several issues of potential non-compliance, but at the same time observing a number of measures that the Parties are currently implementing or planning to implement, agreed to provide those Parties with advice as to facilitate assistance regarding their compliance with the Protocol.
- Noting the update provided by Finland, expressed its appreciation to Finland for its continuing constructive cooperation on the matter and agreed to send a letter to Finland asking to clarify several issues.
- Expressed its regret that Malta did not submit its response prior to the Committee's meeting and urged Malta to do so without further delay.
- Agreed that letters outlining the above shall be sent by the Committee's Chair on behalf of the Committee to the Parties' respective national focal points and made available on the Committee's website.

5. Other business

No issues were discussed

6. Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting

The Committee adopted the key outcomes of the meeting. The meeting's outcomes 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.
