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#### Ninth session

### Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment

#### Fifth session

Geneva, 12–15 December 2023

Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda

**Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda**

## Informal notes on the agenda

Note by the secretariat

This document presents an overview of agenda items and the associated documentation for the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. It also presents **actions that the delegates are invited to take** under the various agenda items.

The items to be considered by the two Meetings of the Parties in a **joint session** are indicated **in green**; those by the Meeting of the Parties to the **Convention in yellow** and those by the Meeting of the Parties to the **Protocol in blue**.

The items' timing is indicative and subject to changes depending on the deliberations. The general segment (from Tuesday 12 December, at 10 a.m. to Thursday 14 December, at 1 p.m.) will address any remaining outstanding issues in draft documents and decisions, and regarding nominations of officers; and briefly review recent activities under the current workplan 2021–2023.

The meeting documentation and other information is accessible online at: **<https://unece.org/info/events/event/364363>**.

Please refer to **comments to documents** submitted by the deadline of 16 November (as posted on the meeting page or circulated by email) to facilitate Parties' preparations and consensus-based decision-making. **Any further comment to documents should be e-mailed to the secretariat asap well ahead of the sessions (in word format with track-changes) ([eia.conv@un.org](mailto:eia.conv@un.org))– for the secretariat to upload them, provide them to the interpreters and, during the sessions, project on the screen.**

High-level statements under item 7 (of max. 3 minutes) can be registered by 30 November. Information on credentials can be found from the above meeting webpage under the heading "preparatory and practical". Copies of credentials are due by 28 November.

<i>Indicative timing</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation</i>	<i>Issues</i>
<b>Tuesday, 12 December</b> 10–10.15 a.m.	<b>Item 1. Opening of the sessions</b>		<p>The 9<sup>th</sup> session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (MOP-9) and the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (MOP/MOP-5) will be opened by the Chair of the Bureau, Mr. <b>George Kremlis</b> (Greece).</p> <p>Delegates will be welcomed by the Executive Secretary of UNECE, Ms. <b>Tatiana Molcean</b>.</p>
<b>Tuesday, 12 December,</b> 10.15–11 a.m.	<b>Item 2. Organizational matters</b>		
	(a) Election of the Chairs of the general segment		<p>The MOPs will be invited to elect the Chairs of the general segment.</p> <p>The Working Group on EIA and SEA and the Bureau recommend election of the Chair of the Bureau, <b>Mr. Kremlis</b>, as Chair of the MOP-9 and <b>Ms. Vesna Kolar-Planincič</b> (Slovenia) as Chair of the MOP/MOP-5 for the general segment.</p>
	(b) Adoption of the agenda	Annotated provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/31–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/14)	The MOPs are expected to adopt their agenda for their respective sessions, agreed by the Working Group (Geneva, 13–15 June 2023).

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		(These) informal notes on the agenda (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.1)	
	(c) Report on credentials		The Chair will report on the credentials received. Delegations should provide the secretariat with the originals of their <b>credentials before the start of the session.</b> <u>(Only Parties with valid credentials can vote and participate in the adoption of decisions or the declaration).</u>
	(d) Status of the Convention and its amendments and the Protocol	Status of ratification of the Convention, its amendments and its Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.2)	The concerned delegations are expected to <b>inform the meeting of the completion of their ratification</b> of amendments to the Convention or of the Protocol, <b>or failing that, their firm commitment with clear timelines to doing so asap in the next intersessional period</b> , as follows:  <b><u>Regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> (2001) amendment:</u></b> Armenia, Belgium, North Macedonia and the United Kingdom  <b><u>Regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> (2004) amendment:</u></b> Armenia, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia and the United Kingdom  <b><u>Regarding the Protocol:</u></b> <b>Signatories: Belgium, France, Georgia, Greece, Ireland and the United Kingdom)</b>  -Other delegations, especially from countries beneficiaries of technical

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<p><b>Tuesday, 12 December</b> 11 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.</p> <p>+</p> <p><b>Wednesday, 13 December</b> 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Item 3. Outstanding issues</b></p>		<p>assistance and capacity-building: <b>Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan</b> on their preparations for ratifications or accessions to the Convention and/or the Protocol, as relevant.</p> <p><u>Regarding the Bucharest Agreement for the Implementation of the Espoo Convention in South-East Europe</u></p> <p>-<b>Romania</b>, as the depositary; <b>Croatia</b> and <b>Greece</b> as signatory States; and <b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b> are invited to report on the status of and plans to ratify/accede to that Agreement.</p> <p>- <b>OSCE</b> may wish to report on its meeting to facilitate the implementation of the Espoo Convention, the Protocol on SEA and the Bucharest Agreement in South-East Europe (Vienna, 5 December 2023)</p> <p>The MOPs are expected to address and agree on any outstanding issues in the draft decisions and related documents with a view to finalizing them during the general segment (i.e. by Thursday, 14 Dec., 1 pm) and putting them forward for formal adoption in the high-level segment (Thursday, 14 Dec. 3 pm – Friday 15 Dec. 1 pm).</p> <p>Each document will be shown on the screen during the sessions – idem. any amendment</p>

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+ <b>Thursday, 14 December, 10 am.–noon)</b>			<p>proposals to them that have been provided to the secretariat well in advance.</p> <p>As needed, drafts amended/finalized during the general segment will be uploaded on the meeting webpage to allow delegations to verify that they accurately reflect the agreed texts/amendment proposals.</p> <p><b><u>The discussions on outstanding issues will not be reopened during the high-level segment.</u></b></p>
<b>Tuesday, 12 December</b> 11 a.m.–12.30	<b>3 (a) Draft joint decisions</b>  <b>(i) Draft decision on financial arrangements for 2024–2026</b>	<p>Report on the budget and financial arrangements 2021–2023 (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/2–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/2)</p> <p>Status of contributions to the trust fund (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.3)</p> <p>Information on pledged contributions for 2024–2026 (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.4)</p> <p>Draft joint decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/1)</p>	<p>1. The MOPs are invited to comment the Report on the budget and financial arrangements in the period 2021–2023 and any updates on contributions to the trust fund.</p> <p><b><i>Note: As at 24 November, no contributions in 2021–2023 from: BY, BiH, KAZ, KGZ, LIE, SRB, UA and UK</i></b></p> <p>2. Delegations are expected to confirm or to complement the information on their financial pledges for 2024–2026, as needed.</p> <p><b><i>Note: As at 24 November, no pledges for 2024–2026 from ALB, BY, BiH, KAZ, KGZ, LIE, MNE, MKD, PT, SRB, UA and UK</i></b></p> <p><i>The MOPs are invited to keep in mind the Parties' pledges when discussing item 3 (a) (ii) to ensure that the 2024–2026 workplan to be adopted matches the resources that are expected to be available for its implementation.</i></p>

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<p><b>Tuesday, 12 December,</b> 12.30–1 p.m. and 3–4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>(ii) Draft decision on the workplan for 2024–2026</b></p>	<p>Draft joint decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/1)</p> <p>Information on pledged contributions for the period 2024–2026 (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.4)</p> <p>Workplan implementation status (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.5)</p>	<p>3. The MOPs are expected to review and finalize <b>draft decision IX/1–V/1 on financial arrangements.</b></p> <p>The MOPs are expected to review and finalize:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Annexes I–II to draft decision IX/2–V/2 on draft workplan for 2024–2026;</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complementing and/or confirming information on the workplan activities; responsible entities, resources, including <b>by lead countries and organizations</b></li> <li>Ensuring that the workplan matches the financial and staffing resources for its implementation, and, as needed, adjusting it accordingly.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Annex III</b>, as needed, by agreeing on any activities requiring additional resources to be included in it.</li> <li><b>Draft decision IX/2–V/2 on the workplan for 2024–2026</b></li> </ol>
<p><b>Tuesday, 12 December,</b> 4–4.30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>(iii) Draft decision on the cooperation in marine regions</b></p>	<p>Draft joint decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/1)</p> <p>Report on synergies and possible cooperation activities in marine regions</p>	<p>The MOPs will be invited to review and agree on</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any outstanding issues in <b>the draft report on synergies and possible cooperation activities in marine regions</b></li> <li>The related <b>draft decision IX/3–V/3 on the cooperation in marine regions</b></li> </ol>

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<b>Tuesday, 12 December,</b> 4.30–5 p.m.	<b>(iv) Draft decisions on compliance with the Convention and the Protocol</b>	(ECE/MP.EIA/2023/3–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/3)  Draft decisions on compliance with the Convention and the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/4–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/4)  Proposed amendments to Implementation Committee’s structure and functions and operating rules (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/5–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/5)	1. The MOPs will be invited to discuss and agree on the <b>draft decisions on compliance with the Convention and the Protocol</b> - By Albania in respect of small hydropower plants on the Cijevna River ( <b>IX/4 a–V/4 a</b> ) - By Armenia in respect of its national legislation ( <b>IX/4 b–V/4 b</b> ). - By Bosnia and Herzegovina in respect of the construction of Buk Bijela hydropower plant on the Drina River ( <b>IX/4 c–V/4 c</b> ).  2. The MOPs will also be invited to agree on the amendment proposals to the rules governing its mode of operation.
<b>Tuesday, 12 December,</b> 5–6 p.m. and <b>Wednesday, 13 December</b> 10 a.m.–noon.	<b>3 (b) Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention</b>  <b>(i) Draft decisions on compliance with the Convention</b>	Draft decision on general issues of compliance with the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/6)  Draft decisions on compliance with the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/7)	The MOP is expected to <b>discuss and agree on:</b> <b>1. Draft decision IX/4 on general issues of compliance with the Convention</b> <b>2. (Country-specific) draft decisions IX/4 d–l on compliance with the Convention:</b> - IX/4 d on compliance by Azerbaijan ...in respect of its national legislation - IX/4 e on compliance by Belarus...in respect of the Belarusian nuclear power plant in Ostrovets

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IX/4 f on Compliance by Belarus ...in respect of its national legislation</li> <li>- IX/4 g on compliance by Belgium ...in respect of the lifetime extension of unit 1 of Tihange nuclear power plant</li> <li>- IX/4 h on compliance by Bulgaria ...in respect of the lifetime extension of units 5 and 6 of Kozloduy nuclear power plant</li> <li>- IX/4 i on compliance by Czechia ...in respect of the lifetime extension of four reactors of Dukovany nuclear power plant</li> <li>- IX/4 j on compliance by Serbia ...in respect of several mining-related activities in Karamanica, Popovica and Podvirovi and the Grot mine</li> <li>- IX/4 k on compliance by Ukraine ...in respect of the Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta</li> <li>- IX/4 l on compliance by Ukraine ...in respect of the extension of the lifetime of Rivne nuclear power plant</li> </ul> <p>Each decision will be briefly presented by the Committee Chair or Vice-Chair.</p> <p>As needed, the Chair, Vice-Chair or members of the Committee will be invited to clarify any questions.</p>



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<p><b>Wednesday, 13 December,</b> noon–1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>(ii) Draft decision on reporting and review of implementation of the Convention</b></p>	<p>Draft decision on reporting and review of implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/8)</p> <p>Seventh review of implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/9)</p> <p>Templates for the reports of the European Union on the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/10 – ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/6)</p>	<p>The MOP will be invited <b>to review</b>, and as needed, <b>finalize draft decision IX/5 on reporting and review of implementation of the Convention</b>.</p> <p><i>Note: As at 24 November: Bulgaria, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Serbia and Ukraine have not yet reported – and the EU returned a blank questionnaire and a separate information note.</i></p> <p>The MOP will be invited <b>to consider and note the reporting template</b> prepared by the Implementation Committee, in consultation with the European Commission, to facilitate reporting of the European Union under article 14 bis of the Convention.</p>
	<p><b>Outstanding MOP/MOP-5 issues</b></p> <p><b>3 (c) Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol</b></p>		
<p><b>Wednesday, 13 December</b> 3–4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>(i) Draft decisions on compliance with the Protocol</b></p>	<p>Draft decisions on compliance with the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/7)</p>	<p>The MOP/MOP-5 will be invited to <b>review and agree on the draft decisions V/4 and V/4d</b> on compliance with the Protocol</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 13 December</b> 4–5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>(ii) Draft decision on reporting and review of implementation of the Protocol</b></p>	<p>Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/8)</p> <p>Fourth review of implementation of the Protocol on Strategic</p>	<p>The MOP/MOP-5 will be invited to <b>review</b>, and as needed, <b>finalize draft decision V/5</b> on reporting and review of implementation of the Protocol.</p> <p><i>Note: As at 24 November: Bulgaria, North Macedonia and Serbia have not yet reported–</i></p>

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		<p>Environmental Assessment (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/9)</p> <p>Templates for the reports of the European Union on the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/10 – ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/6)</p>	<p><b>and the EU returned a blank questionnaire and a separate information note.</b></p> <p>The MOP/MOP-5 will be also invited to <b>consider and note the reporting template</b> prepared by the Implementation Committee, in consultation with the European Commission, to facilitate reporting of the European Union under articles 14(7) and 13(4) of the Protocol.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 13 December</b> 5–6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>(iii) Draft decision on assessing health impacts in strategic environmental assessment</b></p>	<p>Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/8)</p> <p>Assessing health impacts in strategic environmental assessment (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/10)</p>	<p>The MOP/MOP-5 will be invited to <b>discuss and agree on the draft document for information purposes on assessing health impacts in strategic environmental assessment.</b></p> <p>The MOP/MOP-5 will be also invited to <b>discuss and agree on the related draft decision V/6 on assessing health impacts in strategic environmental assessment.</b></p>
	<p><b>3. Outstanding issues concerning the Convention and the Protocol (continued)</b></p>		
<p><b>Thursday, 14 December</b> 10–11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>3 (d) Draft Geneva declaration</b></p>	<p>Draft Geneva declaration (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/11–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/11)</p>	<p>The MOPs will be invited to <b>review and finalize the draft Geneva declaration.</b> They are expected to take into account the earlier deliberations on draft decisions under item 3 a–c above.</p>

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<p><b>Thursday, 14 December</b> 11–11.30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>3 (e) Nomination of officers for the next intersessional period</b></p>	<p>Informal list of nominations for officers for 2024–2026 (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.8)</p>	<p>The MOPs will be invited <b>to consider nominations of officers</b> to be elected for the next intersessional period put forward by Parties (prior to the formal election in the high-level segment (agenda item 10 below) of:</p> <p>(a) <b>A Chair and members/vice-chairs of the Bureau</b></p> <p>(b) <b>Five permanent and five alternate members of the Implementation Committee</b></p> <p>(c) <b>A Chair and one or more vice-chairs for the Working Group.</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, 14 December</b> 11.30–noon</p>	<p><b>3 (f) Tentative calendar of meetings</b></p>	<p>Provisional schedule of meetings in 2024–2026 (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.9)</p>	<p>The MOPs will be invited <b>to agree a tentative calendar of meetings of their subsidiary bodies in the intersessional period 2024–2026</b></p> <p>Delegations may also wish to put forward proposals for hosting the next MOP sessions.</p>
<p><b>Thursday, 14 December,</b> noon–1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Item 4. Review of the workplan</b></p>	<p>Summary report on technical assistance and capacity-building activities (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/12–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/12)</p> <p>Workplan implementation status (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.5)</p>	<p>The MOPs will be invited <b>to review progress in the implementation of the current workplan 2021–2023</b> (see ECE/MP.EIA/30.Add.1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13.Add.1, decision VIII/2–IV/2), <b>since the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group</b> (Geneva, 13–15 June 2023), focusing on activities not yet addressed under item 3 above.</p>

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	<p><b>4 (a) Compliance with and implementation of the Convention and the Protocol</b></p> <p><b>4 (b) Subregional cooperation and capacity-building</b></p> <p><b>4 (c) Exchange of good practices</b></p> <p><b>4 (d) Promoting practical application of the Protocol and the Convention</b></p>	<p>Report on the activities of the Implementation Committee (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/13–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/13)</p>	<p>The MOPs will be invited to note and, as needed, comment <b>the Implementation Committee Chair’s</b> report on the Committee’s activities in the period 2021–2023.</p> <p>Delegations will be invited to report on <b>progress in developing and adopting legislation for the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol</b> further to technical assistance, including by the <b>Republic of Moldova</b> (as regards its secondary legislation)</p> <p><b>Delegations will be invited to report on any recent subregional cooperation and capacity-building events.</b></p> <p><b>Delegations will be invited to report on possible recent events or fact sheets for the exchange of good practices.</b></p> <p><b>Delegations and the secretariat will be invited to report on progress in organizing training and awareness raising events, implementing pilot projects, preparing guidelines and developing a model database on SEA, including by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Armenia (on SEA training workshops in Oct-Nov. 2023);</b></li> <li>- <b>Ukraine (Guidelines on SEA in Urban Planning, adopted in Oct. 2023)</b></li> </ul>

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Thursday, 14 December, 3–3.30 p.m.	<b>Item 5. <u>Opening ceremony for the high-level segment</u></b>		<b>IAIA</b> may wish to provide updates on the preparation of “ <b>Fas Tips</b> ”, since the twelfth meeting of the Working Group.
	<b>5 (a) Election of officers for the high-level segment</b>		The MOPs will be invited to <b>elect their chair for the high-level segment</b> .  The Bureau recommends the <b>election of H.E. Excellency, Ms. Iordanca-Rodica Iordanov, Minister of Environment, Republic of Moldova</b>
	<b>5 (b) Introductory speeches</b>		The MOPs will take note of the opening remarks by:  - <b>The Chair of the high-level segment.</b> - <b>UNECE Deputy Executive Secretary, Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin (tbc)</b>
Thursday, 14 December, 3.30–5.30 p.m.	<b>Item 6. High-level event on the contribution of the Convention and the Protocol to energy transition, circular economy and green financing</b>	Energy transition, circular economy and green financing: Role of the Espoo Convention and its Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/14–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/14)  Information on the high-level event on energy transition, circular economy and green	A moderated <b>high-level panel discussion</b> will be held on the role and the future potential of the Convention and the Protocol regarding energy transition, circular economy and green financing.  The panellists are expected to address key questions related to the topics as outlined in the background paper for the event, to share good practice examples and to explore ways to

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		financing (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.10)	expand the awareness and the application of the treaty/treaties in that context.  Other high-level representatives and heads of delegation that would wish to deliver brief statements from the floor regarding the topics of the event (with a recommended time limit of 3 minutes) should contact the secretariat asap (as only a limited number of statements are feasible).
<b>Thursday, 14 December, 5.30–6 p.m.</b>	<b>Item 7. Statements by ministers and high-level representatives</b>		Ministers, other heads of delegations and representatives of IGOs and NGOs wishing to make <b>brief statements (of max 3 minutes)</b> are invited to register the statements in advance of the sessions – and to provide full texts of the statements to the secretariat.
<b>Friday, 15 December, 10–11 a.m.</b>	<b>Item 8. Adoption of decisions</b>		The Chair, with support from the secretariat, will introduce the decisions submitted for adoption by the States Parties to the Convention and/or the Protocol, as reviewed and finalized by delegations during the general segment.
	<b>8 (a) Decisions to be taken jointly</b>	Draft joint decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/1)	The MOP9 and MOP/MOP5 will jointly be invited to adopt the following decisions and related documents:  (a) Decision on the financial arrangements for 2024–2026 ( <b>decision IX/1–V/1</b> );  (b) Decision on the adoption of the workplan for 2024–2026 ( <b>decision IX/2–V/2</b> );

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		<p>Report on the budget and financial arrangements in the period since the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/2–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/2)</p> <p>Report on synergies and possible cooperation activities in marine regions (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/3–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/3)</p> <p>Draft decisions on compliance with the Convention and the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/4–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/4)</p>	<p>(c) Decision on cooperation in marine regions (<b>decision IX/3–V/3</b>);</p> <p>(d) Decisions on compliance with the Convention and the Protocol (<b>IX/4 a–V/4 a, IX/4 b–V/4 b and IX/4 c–V/4 c</b>).</p>
	<b>8 (b) Decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention</b>	<p>Draft decision on general issues of compliance with the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/6)</p> <p>Draft decisions on compliance with the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/7)</p> <p>Proposed amendments to the Implementation Committee’s structure and functions and operating rules (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/5–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/5)</p>	<p>The MOP9 will be invited to adopt decisions and related documents as follows:</p> <p>(a) Decisions on compliance with the Convention (decisions IX/4 on general issues of compliance and decisions IX/4 d-l on compliance:</p> <p>-by Azerbaijan ...in respect of its national legislation (IX/4 d)</p> <p>-by Belarus...in respect of the Belarusian nuclear power plant in Ostrovets (IX/4 e)</p> <p>-by Belarus ...in respect of its national legislation (IX/4 f)</p> <p>-by Belgium ...in respect of the lifetime extension of unit 1 of Tihange nuclear power plant (IX/4 g)</p>

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			<p>-by Bulgaria ...in respect of the lifetime extension of units 5 and 6 of Kozloduy nuclear power plant (IX/4 h)</p> <p>-by Czechia ...in respect of the lifetime extension of four reactors at Dukovany nuclear power plant (IX/4 i)</p> <p>-by Serbia ...in respect of several mining-related activities in Karamanica, Popovica and Podvirovi and the Grot mine (IX/4 j)</p> <p>-by Ukraine ...in respect of the Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta (IX/4 k)</p> <p>-by Ukraine ...in respect of the extension of the lifetime of Rivne nuclear power plant (IX/4l)</p>
		<p>Draft decision on reporting and review of implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/8)</p> <p>Seventh review of implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/9)</p> <p>Templates for the reports of the European Union on the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/10 – ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/6)</p>	<p>(b) Decision on reporting and review of implementation of the Convention (decision IX/5).</p>



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	<b>8 (c) Decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol</b>	<p>Draft decisions on compliance with the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/7)</p> <p>Proposed amendments to the Implementation Committee's structure and functions and operating rules (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/5–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/5)</p> <p>Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/8)</p> <p>Fourth review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/8)</p> <p>Templates for the reports of the European Union on the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/10 – ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/6)</p> <p>Assessing health impacts in strategic environmental assessment (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2020/9)</p>	<p>The MOP/MOP-5 will be invited to adopt the following decisions and related documents:</p> <p>(a) Decisions on the review of compliance with the Protocol:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decision V/4 on general issues of compliance with the Protocol</li> <li>- Decision V/4 d on compliance by Serbia with its obligations under the Protocol in respect of the Energy Sector Development Strategy of the Republic of Serbia for the Period up to 2025 with Projections up to 2030 and the Programme for the Implementation of the Strategy for the Period 2017–2023;</li> </ul> <p>(b) Decision on reporting and review of implementation of the Protocol (decision V/5);</p> <p>(c) Decision on assessing health impacts in strategic environmental assessment (decision V/6).</p>
<b>Friday, 15 December, 11–11.15 a.m.</b>	<b>Item 9. Adoption of the declaration</b>	Draft Geneva declaration (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/11–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/11)	The MOPs will be invited to adopt <b>the Geneva declaration</b> , as reviewed and finalized by delegations during the general segment.

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Friday, 15 December, 11.15–11.45 a.m.	<b>Item 10. Election of officers for the next intersessional period</b>	Informal list of nominations for officers for 2024–2026 (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.8)	<p>The MOPs will be <b>invited to elect officers</b> of the Working Group, members of the Bureau, and members of the Implementation Committee following the earlier agreement on nominations (item 3 (e) above).</p> <p>The Chair will invite the Meetings of the Parties to express their gratitude to the outgoing officers.</p>
Friday, 15 December, 11.45 a.m.– 12 p.m.	<b>Item 11. Date and venue of next meetings</b>		<p>The MOPs will be expected to decide on the <b>date and venue</b> of the tenth session of the MOP to be held in conjunction with the sixth session of the MOP/MOP.</p>
Friday, 15 December, 12–12.15 p.m.	<b>Item 12. Other business</b>		<p>Delegations wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.</p>
Friday, 15 December, 12.15–1 p.m.	<b>Item 13. Conclusion of the sessions</b>		
	<b>13 (a) Adoption of the report of the sessions</b>		<p>The Chair for the high-level segment of the Meetings of the Parties, with support from the secretariat, will present a record of the main decisions taken at the sessions, which will form the basis for the draft report.</p> <p>The MOPs will be invited <b>to review and adopt the draft report</b> and authorize the secretariat to complete the report after the sessions under the guidance of the outgoing Bureau.</p>

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	<b>13 (b) Closing of the session</b>		The Chair will close the sessions.

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