

## **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**

#### **Fourteenth meeting**

Geneva (hybrid), 18 and 19 April 2024

## **DECISIONS AND MAJOR OUTCOMES<sup>1</sup> as adopted by the Compliance Committee at its fourteenth meeting**

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

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Chair and adopted the meeting's provisional agenda (ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2024/1).

### **2. Submissions, referrals, communications and advice**

#### **(a) Report by the secretariat on the status of submissions, referrals, communications and advisory support**

The Committee took note of the report by the secretariat that there were no submissions, referrals and communications since the Committee's latest meeting held on 7-8 March 2023.

#### **(b) Committee deliberations on the advisory support PRTRPCC/A/2022/1 (Ukraine) and on communication PRTRPCC/C/2020/1 (Ukraine)**

The Committee recalled that the final Considerations and Advice (PRTRPCC/A/2022/1),<sup>2</sup> prepared by the Committee, were sent to Ukraine.

The Committee considered draft findings for communication PRTRPCC/C/2020/1 (Ukraine)<sup>3</sup> prepared by the curator and agreed to finalize the draft through electronic decision-making after the meeting and to send the finalized text to the Party concerned and the communicant for possible comments and make them available on the Committee's webpage.

#### **(c) Committee deliberations on the advisory support to Estonia (PRTRPCC/A/2022/2), Finland (PRTRPCC/A/2020/0), Malta (PRTRPCC/A/2022/3), Portugal (PRTRPCC/A/2022/4) and Slovenia (PRTRPCC/A/2022/5)<sup>4</sup>**

The Committee recalled that it held a virtual meeting on 1 March 2024 to discuss and finalize the draft Considerations and Advice to Malta. The Committee also recalled that the final Considerations and Advice, prepared by the Committee, were sent to Estonia, Malta, Portugal and Slovenia, with a deadline for submission of the respective comprehensive reports on implementing measures in the Parties concerned by 31 January 2025. As per established practice, all relevant correspondence was made available on the Committee's webpage.

The Committee, noting the update provided by Finland, expressed its appreciation to Finland for its continuing constructive cooperation on the matter and agreed to seek further clarification regarding

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<sup>1</sup> This document was not formally edited.

<sup>2</sup> <https://unece.org/env/pp/protocol-on-prtrs/protocol-bodies/cc/advice-or-assistance-Ukraine>.

<sup>3</sup> [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>4</sup> <https://unece.org/env/pp/protocol-on-prtrs/cc/advice-or-assistance>.

question (a) in the Committee's latest letter to the Party concerned, namely *whether the requirements under articles 13 and 15 of the Protocol on PRTRs are addressed through the national law or other normative documents*. The Committee agreed that a letter requesting the above clarification shall be sent by the Committee's Chair on behalf of the Committee to the Party's national focal point and made available on the Committee's website.

### **3. Preparations for the fourth reporting cycle concerning the implementation of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers**

The Committee considered planning for the fourth reporting cycle and agreed on the distribution of tasks between Compliance Committee members for preparation of 2025 synthesis report.

### **4. Other business**

The Committee took note of the information provided by the secretariat that Armenia and Georgia requested the secretariat a support for capacity building to assist these countries in their efforts to accede to the Protocol.

### **5. 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 finalization.

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