

Decision IS/1b

Compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Convention in respect of a nuclear power plant in Metsamor

The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention,

Recalling article 11, paragraph 2, and article 14 bis of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context,

Recalling also its decision VI/2, paragraphs 45–46,¹ concerning compliance by Armenia with regard to the construction of a nuclear power plant in Metsamor,

Recalling further its decision at its seventh session to finalize its deliberations on the review of compliance with the Convention at an intermediary session, based on a revised draft decision to be prepared by the Implementation Committee and taking into account the work carried out and progress achieved before and during the seventh session,²

Having considered the relevant sections concerning Armenia in the report on the activities of the Implementation Committee to the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its seventh session³ and in the reports of the Committee on its thirty-ninth,⁴ forty-first⁵ and forty-second⁶ sessions,

Recalling its decision IS/1 on general issues of compliance with the Convention adopted at the intermediary session,

1. *Takes note* of the information from the Government of Armenia that the final decision on the construction of the Metsamor nuclear power plant is no longer valid and activities based on that decision were suspended;⁷

2. *Endorses* the finding of the Committee that there is no longer a project requiring a transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure relating to the Metsamor nuclear power plant;⁸

3. *Urges* Armenia to ensure that any projects carried out in the future in accordance with energy-related programmes, including nuclear activities, are in compliance with the Convention.

¹ See ECE/MP.EIA/20/Add.1-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4/Add.1.

² See ECE/MP.EIA/23-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7, para. 27. See also draft decision VII/2 (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/8).

³ ECE/MP.EIA/2017/4-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/4, paras. 27–29.

⁴ ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2017/4, para. 31.

⁵ ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2018/2, para. 14.

⁶ ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2018/4, paras. 12–13

⁷ ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2016/4, para. 26.

⁸ *Ibid.*