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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 31 August 2010*

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* Members of the Committee and observers are requested to complete the registration form available from the website of the Economic Commission for Europe (<http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>) and to transmit it to the Convention secretariat, at the latest two weeks prior to the meeting, either by fax to +41 22 917 0107 or by e-mail to eia.conv@unece.org.

10. Other business.
11. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the session.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

1. This provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat in agreement with the Chair, in accordance with rule 9 of the operating rules of the Implementation Committee, adopted by the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/2, annex IV).

2. Follow-up to decision IV/2 regarding Ukraine (paras. 7–14)

2. Discussion under this agenda item will not be open to observers, unless the Committee decides otherwise, further to rule 17 of the operating rules.

3. The Committee is expected to review further information regarding the strategy adopted by Government of Ukraine to implement the provisions of the Convention, further to a request by the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/2, para. 12) and to a letter by the Chair (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2010/2, para. 10).

4. The Committee is also expected to review information provided by the Government of Ukraine regarding the negotiation of bilateral agreements or other arrangements with neighbouring Parties, further to a request by the Meeting of the Parties (decision IV/2, para. 14) and in response to the Chair's letter.

3. Follow-up to decision IV/2 regarding Armenia (paras. 15–19)

5. Discussion under agenda item will not be open to observers, unless otherwise decided, as above.

6. The Committee is expected to review additional details on the timing of all the steps planned to be taken by the Government of Armenia to implement fully the Convention (decision IV/2, para. 19), further to a letter by the Chair (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2010/2, para. 15).

7. The Chair will report on the outcome of a seminar on legislation and procedures for the implementation of the Convention in Armenia (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/7, annex, p. 136), held on 17 May 2010 during the thirteenth meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2010/2, para. 17).

4. Second review of implementation

8. Committee Member Jerzy Jendroska is expected to present the findings of his examination of the second review of implementation (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/1, annex), focusing on the implementation of the Convention's provisions on public participation (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2010/2, para. 22).

5. Submissions

9. Discussion under this agenda item will not open to observers, except if invited by the Committee.

10. The Committee will examine any submissions by Parties received since the Committee's previous session.

6. Committee initiative

11. Discussion under this agenda item will not open to observers, unless otherwise decided (see para. 2).

12. The Committee will consider any information received from the Government of Azerbaijan in response to the letter sent by the Chair on 16 March 2010 (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2010/2, para. 29). The Chair, with the support of the secretariat, is expected to report on the contracting of a consultant, subject to the identification of funds, to provide technical advice to review in detail Azerbaijan's current and draft legislation on environmental impact assessment. With the observations resulting from the proposed advice, the Committee may make recommendations on measures to strengthen Azerbaijan's legislation (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2009/4, para. 32).

13. The Committee is expected to consider replies from:

(a) Slovakia, regarding a proposed activity in Slovakia (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2010/2, para. 42);

(b) Belarus, regarding a proposed activity in Belarus (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2010/2, para. 44);

(c) the Republic of Moldova, regarding a proposed activity in the Republic of Moldova (ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2010/2, para. 46).

14. In accordance with rule 15 of its operating rules, the Committee will also consider other information provided by sources regarding the implementation of the Convention.

7. Third review of implementation

15. The secretariat will report on the receipt from Parties of completed questionnaires on the implementation of the Convention in the period from 2006 to 2009, and on progress made in drafting the third review of implementation (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/1, para. 9).

8. Structure, functions and operating rules

16. The Committee is expected to keep under review and, if necessary, to develop its structure and functions, as well as its operating rules, in the light of the experience it has gained (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/2, para. 6). In particular, the Committee may discuss possibilities for making its procedures more transparent. The Committee will also discuss a possible amendment of rule 16 of the operating rules, which provides for publication of documents and information, on the basis of a proposal by the secretariat (see ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2010/2, para. 48).

9. Preparations for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties

17. The Chair will report on the outcome of the thirteenth meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment, held from 17 to 19 May 2010. The Committee is expected to discuss preparations for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties, including the drafting of a decision on the review of compliance and preparation of the Committee's report on its activities (ECE/MP.EIA/6, annex II, decision III/2, appendix, para. 11).

10. Other business

18. Members of the Committee wishing to raise other business should contact the Chair and the secretariat as soon as possible.

11. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the session

19. The Committee is expected to agree on the main decisions taken at the meeting and to confirm the date and location of its next session.
