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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Tuesday, 12 March 2013*

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

1. This provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA) in agreement with the Implementation Committee Chair, in accordance with the Implementation Committee's operating rules (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/2, annex IV, as amended by decision V/4, ECE/MP.EIA/15). The Implementation Committee under the Convention and the Protocol will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

2. Submissions

2. Discussion under this agenda item will not be open to observers.

3. The Committee will first continue its consideration of the submission by Lithuania expressing concerns about compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Convention. The Committee is expected to finalize its findings and recommendations taking into account comments and representations submitted by the Parties on 9 November 2012 and the information transmitted by Belarus on 22 and 26 November 2012.

4. The Committee will then continue its consideration of the submission by Armenia expressing concerns about Azerbaijan's compliance with its obligations under the Convention. The Committee is expected to prepare its draft findings and recommendations on the matter, taking into account the information and opinions provided by the two Parties at the Committee's twenty-sixth session (26–28 November 2012).

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

3. Committee initiative

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

7. The Committee will consider its initiative on Azerbaijan further to paragraph 6 of the appendix to decision III/2.

4. Review of implementation

8. As part of its examination of the specific compliance issues from the Third Review of Implementation, the Committee is expected to consider the written clarification received from Portugal on 26 November 2012.

9. The secretariat will report on the receipt from Parties of completed questionnaires on the implementation of the Convention in the period 2010–2012 and on the plans for preparing the draft fourth review of implementation.

5. Information gathering

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

11. Taking into account the deliberations at its twenty-fifth session (11–13 September 2012), the Committee may wish to continue its consideration of the information gathered from Ukraine, Romania and Lithuania regarding activities proposed in their countries. It may also wish to consider information provided by a non-governmental organization from Belarus regarding a planned activity in Ukraine.

6. Structure, functions and operating rules

12. 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 experience it has gained, including recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties on the imposition of sanctions for non-compliance (ECE/MP.EIA/15, decision V/4, para. 15). Time allowing, the Committee may initiate work to this end.

7. Other business

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

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

14. 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 before the Chair formally closes the session.
