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Meeting of the Parties to the Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment
in a Transboundary Context

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

Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment

Twelfth meeting

Geneva, 13-15 June 2023

Item 4 (a) of the provisional agenda

Preparations for the next sessions of the Meetings of the Parties:

Practical arrangements

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Note by the secretariat, as agreed by the Bureau

Summary

The present note contains a time schedule for the preparations of the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) (MOP-9) and the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Geneva, 12–15 December 2023) (MOP/MOP-5), as agreed by the Bureau. It also presents a list of draft decisions and documents for the sessions

The Working Group is expected to review and comment the information.

The provisional annotated agenda for the two MOP sessions, as agreed by the Bureau, is contained in a separate document (ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2023/INF.5) for agreement by the Working Group.

I. Schedule for the preparatory work

Activity	Responsible	Deadline/Date
2022		
Bureau initiated the MOP preparations	Bureau and the secretariat	9–10 June
Implementation Committee (54 th session)	Implementation Committee	4–7 October
Circular letters on resources + ratifications	Secretariat	7 December
Working Group on EIA and SEA (11 th meeting)	All delegations	19–21 December
2023		
Overdue implementation reports + comments to draft docs/nominations of officers/proposals re MOPs for Bureau's consideration	Parties concerned + other delegations	31 January
Implementation Committee (55 th session)	Implementation Committee	31 January–3 February
Initial information on pledged financial contributions for 2024–2026	Parties + other delegations	By 15 February
Bureau Agreement on the draft MOP agenda and documents for Working Group's consideration	Bureau	22–23 February
Implementation Committee (56 th session) Agreement on draft compliance decisions for info to WG12 (as informal docs)	Implementation Committee	2–5 May
Information on pledged financial contributions for 2024–2026	Parties + other delegations	By 15 May
Input and speakers for the MOP high-level event & general segment's panel	All delegations	By 15 May
[As required, nominations for chairing the general and high-level segments]	Parties	By 15 May]
Nominations for officers to be elected for the treaty bodies 2024–2026	Parties	By 15 May
Comments and inputs to Working Group documents	Parties + other delegations	By 23 May (3 wks before)
Working Group on EIA and SEA (12 th meeting) Agreement on the draft MOP agenda and documents; comments on draft compliance decisions.	Working Group	13–15 June (Official docs issued in English 23 March - 3 April)
Implementation Committee (57 th session) Finalization of all draft MOP (compliance) decisions and documents	Implementation Committee	29 August–1 September
Official draft MOP agenda and documents (as finalized based on comments by WG12)	Secretariat and the Bureau (consulted electronically, as needed)	For editing by 19 September; Available in English by 4 October
Mailing of MOP invitation letters	Secretariat	Mid-September-early October
Applications for financial travel support	Delegations eligible for financial support	By 20 October
On-line registration	All delegations	By 30 October

Any still pending confirmation of pledged financial contributions for 2024–2026	All Parties and other delegations	By 6 November (5 weeks before the MOPs)
Any still pending confirmation of officers to be elected for the treaty bodies	All Parties and other delegations	By 6 November
Comments to official documents	All delegations	By 21 November (3 weeks before the MOPs)
Submission of credentials (full powers) to UNECE	All delegations	Copies to the secretariat by 28 November; original to be presented before opening of the MOP sessions
Bureau meeting	Bureau	Geneva, ½-1 day, 11 December 2023
Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol	MOP9 and MOP/MOP5	Geneva, 12–15 a.m. December 2023

II. List of draft decisions to be considered by the Meetings of the Parties

<i>Title</i>	<i>MOP9</i>	<i>MOP/MOP5</i>
<i>A. <u>Decisions to be taken jointly</u></i>		
Financial arrangements for 2024–2026	IX/1	V/1
Adoption of the workplan for 2024–2026	IX/2	V/2
Cooperation in marine regions	IX/3	V/3
<i>Draft decisions on compliance with the Convention and the Protocol</i>		
Compliance by Albania with its obligations under the Convention and the Protocol with respect to the planned construction of several small hydropower plants on the Cijevna River	IX/4 a	V/4 a
Compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Convention and the Protocol in respect of its national legislation	IX/4 b	V/4 b
Compliance by Bosnia and Herzegovina with its obligations under the Convention and the Protocol with respect to the construction of Buk Bijela hydropower plant on the Drina River	IX/4 c	V/4 c

<i>Title</i>	<i>MOP9</i>	<i>MOP/MOP5</i>
<u>B. Decisions by the Convention MOP</u>		
<i>Draft decisions on compliance with the Convention– (List and symbols may still be subject to changes)</i>		
General issues of compliance with the Convention	IX/4	
Compliance by Azerbaijan with its obligations under the Convention in respect of its national legislation	IX/4 d	
Compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Convention in respect of the Belarusian nuclear power plant in Ostrovets	IX/4 e	
Draft decision on compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Convention in respect of its national legislation	IX/4 f	
Compliance by Belgium with its obligations under the Convention in respect of the lifetime extension of Tihange nuclear power plant	IX/4 g	
Compliance by Bulgaria with its obligations under the Convention in respect of the lifetime extension of Kozloduy nuclear power plant	IX/4 h	
Compliance by Czechia with its obligations under the Convention in respect of the lifetime extension of Dukovany nuclear power plant	IX/4 i	
<i>Compliance by the Netherlands with its obligations under the Convention in respect of the lifetime extension of the Borssele nuclear power plant</i>	IX/4	
Compliance by Serbia with its obligations under the Convention in respect of several mining activities	IX/4 j	
<i>Compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention in respect of the Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta</i>	IX/4..	
<i>Compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention in respect of extension of the lifetime of the Rivne nuclear power plant</i>	IX/4..	
<i>Compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention in respect of the construction of a large tourism complex in Svydovets mountains</i>	IX/4...	
Reporting and review of implementation of the Convention	IX/5	
<u>Decisions by the Protocol MOP</u>		
General issues of compliance with the Protocol		V/4
Compliance by Serbia with its obligations under the Protocol in respect of its energy sector development strategy		V/4 d
Reporting and review of implementation of the Protocol		V/5
Assessing health impacts in strategic environmental assessment		V/6

III. Provisional list of documents

A. Official (pre-session) documents

1. Joint MOP9 and MOP/MOP5 documents

1. **Provisional agenda**
ECE/MP.EIA/31 - ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/14
2. **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)
3. **Report on the budget and financial arrangements 2021-2023**
(ECE/MP.EIA/2023/2–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/2)
4. **Report on synergies and possible cooperation activities in marine regions**
(ECE/MP.EIA/2023/3–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/3)
5. **Draft decisions on compliance with the Convention and the Protocol**
(ECE/MP.EIA/2023/4–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/4)
6. **Proposed amendments to the Implementation Committee's operating rules and structure and functions** (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/5–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/5)
7. **Reporting templates for the European Union for the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol** (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/10 –ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/6)
8. **Draft Geneva declaration**
(ECE/MP.EIA/2023/11–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/10)
9. **Summary report on technical assistance and capacity building activities**
(ECE/MP.EIA/2023/12–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/11)
10. **Report on the activities of the Implementation Committee**
(ECE/MP.EIA/2023/13–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/12)
11. **Energy transition, circular economy and green financing: Role of the Espoo Convention and its Protocol** (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/14–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/13)

2. MOP 9 documents

12. **Draft decision on general issues of compliance with the Convention** (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/6)
13. **(Country-specific) Draft decisions on compliance with the Convention** (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/7)
14. **Draft decision on reporting and review of implementation of the Convention**
(ECE/MP.EIA/2023/8)
15. **Seventh review of implementation of the Convention**
(ECE/MP.EIA/2023/9)

3. MOP/MOP 5 documents

16. **Draft decisions on the review of compliance with the Protocol** (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/5)
17. **Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol** (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/7)
18. **Fourth review of implementation of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment**
(ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/8)
19. **Draft guidance on assessing health impacts in strategic environmental assessment**
(ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/9)

B. Indicative list of informal documents (pre-session)

1. **Informal notes on the agenda** (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.1)
2. **Status of ratification of the Convention, its amendments and its Protocol**
(ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.2)
3. **Status of contributions to the trust fund** (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.3)
4. **Information on pledged contributions for the period 2024–2026** (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.4)
5. **Workplan implementation status** (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.5)
6. **Informal list of nominations for officers for 2024–2026** (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.6)
7. **Provisional schedule of meetings** (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.7)
8. **Information on the high-level event on energy transition, circular economy and green financing** (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/INF.8)

C. Official post-session documents

1. **Report of the ninth and the fifth sessions of the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol** (ECE/MP.EIA/32–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/15)
 2. **Decisions and the Declaration adopted jointly by the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol** (ECE/MP.EIA/32/Add.1– ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/15/Add.1)
 3. **Decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention** (ECE/MP.EIA/32/Add.2– ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/15/Add.2)
 4. **Decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol** (ECE/MP.EIA/32/Add.3– ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/15/Add.3)
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