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**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

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

**Preparatory meeting for the first meeting  
of the Signatories to the Protocol on  
Strategic Environmental Assessment  
(Second meeting, Geneva, 26-27 January 2004)**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND MEETING**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 26 January 2004 \*

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Implementation Committee and compliance.
3. Work plan and budget.
4. Financing of the activities under the Protocol.
5. Organizational aspects of the first meeting of the Signatories.
6. Other business.
7. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the meeting.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The second preparatory meeting for the first meeting of the Signatories to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA Protocol) is convened in accordance with the resolution made at the extraordinary meeting of the Parties to the Convention, on 21 May 2003 in Kiev. It will be held back to back with the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (Geneva, 28-30 January 2004). The agenda and its explanatory notes have been prepared by the secretariat as requested by the Bureau.

### Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Chair will open the meeting, in accordance with the Convention's rules of procedure.

The Meeting is expected to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

### Item 2. Implementation Committee and compliance

The Meeting will consider the reports of the fifth and sixth meetings of the Convention's Implementation Committee, to be presented by its President, Mr. Roger Gebbels. The Meeting is also expected to consider elements for a proposed draft decision for the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, which states that the mandate of the Implementation Committee should also cover the Protocol. The Meeting is expected to provide further guidance on the draft decision.

### Item 3. Work plan and budget

Delegations will be invited to come forward with proposals for activities under the Protocol during the period between the first meeting of the Signatories and the entry into force of the Protocol, following the discussion at the first preparatory meeting on the "Background paper presenting possible elements for a work plan for the SEA Protocol" (MP.EIA/AC.3/2003/3).

The Meeting is expected to discuss which activities to include in a draft work plan and to identify which activities should be 'core' ones. It is expected that the 'core' activities will be supported by extrabudgetary funding provided by the Signatories to the Protocol.

### Item 4. Financing of the activities under the Protocol

Signatories are expected to inform the Meeting about their efforts to provide extra budgetary resources for the activities under the Protocol. The President of the Meeting of the Parties, Mr. Nenad Mikulic, will report on progress in obtaining funding for the first meeting of the Signatories in Croatia.

The Meeting is expected to finalize a funding system for activities under the Protocol, which includes financial means for the extrabudgetary post in the secretariat, during the period between the first meeting of the Signatories and the entry into force of the Protocol, for consideration at the seventh meeting of the Working Group on EIA (28-30 January 2004).

Item 5. Organizational aspects of the first meeting of the Signatories

Mr. Mikulic will inform the Meeting about the practical arrangements for the first meeting of the Signatories to be held in the week of 31 May to 4 June 2004 in Cavtat, Croatia, back to back with the third meeting of the Parties to the Convention in the same week also in Cavtat. The Meeting will be informed of the activities that will take place up to the first meeting. It is expected to decide on actions, including the preparation of draft documents, to be taken to prepare for the first meeting of the Signatories.

Item 6. Other business

Delegations wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

Item 7. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the meeting

The Chair will close the meeting by summing up the main decisions taken.



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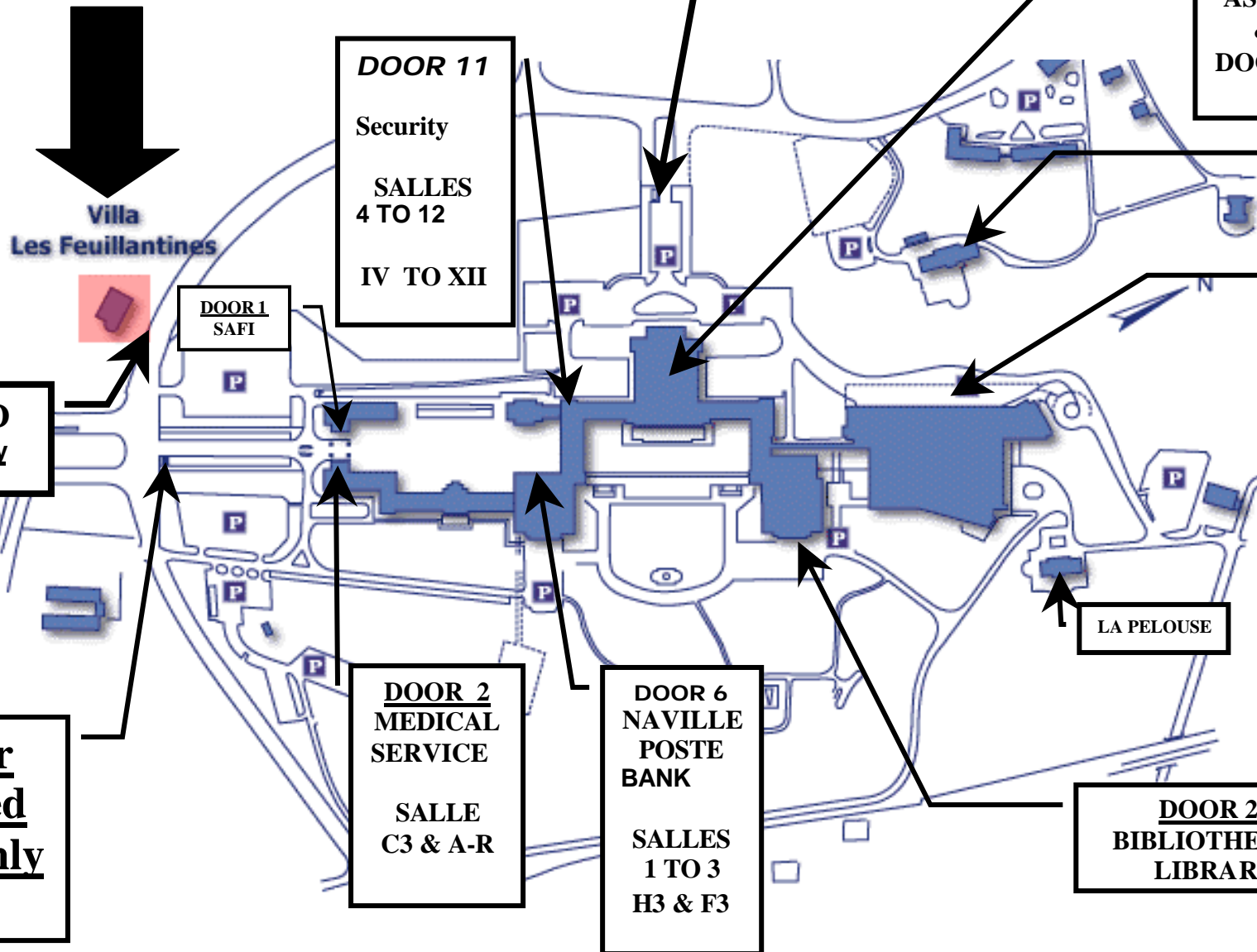
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