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Meeting of the Parties to the
Convention on Access to Information,
Public Participation in Decision-making and
Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Compliance Committee
(Fifth meeting, Geneva, 23-24 September 2004)

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTH MEETING

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 23 September 2004 ¹

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document, taking into account any points raised for consideration by representatives of non-governmental organizations present at the meeting as observers.

¹ New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to duly complete the attached registration form, also available from the web site of the Aarhus Convention at <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/compliance.htm>, and then to transmit it to the Aarhus Convention secretariat, **at the latest two weeks prior to the meeting**, either by fax +41 22 917 01 07 or by e-mail to the following address public.participation@unece.org. Prior to the meeting, delegates are requested to present themselves at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Villa Les Feuillantines, 13 Avenue de la Paix (a map is attached) to pick up their identification badge. In case of difficulty, please contact the Aarhus Convention secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 42 26.

2. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Committee

The Chairman will inform the Committee about the outcome of the meeting of the Legal Board under the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. The Legal Board is developing a compliance review mechanism under the 1999 Protocol on Water and Health.

The Committee will be invited to share any other information on relevant developments since its previous meeting not covered under other agenda items.

3. Other matters arising from the previous meeting

The secretariat will present progress in the preparation of a document on the main aspects of the compliance mechanism, including the Committee's modus operandi, procedures for submissions, referrals and communications, information gathering and on-the-spot appraisal, and on NGOs and the Compliance Committee.

4. Submissions by Parties concerning other Parties

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, any submission made by a Party concerning another Party's compliance with its obligations under the Convention, as provided for under paragraph 15 of the annex to decision I/7.

5. Submissions by Parties concerning their own compliance

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, any submission made by a Party concerning its own compliance with the obligations under the Convention, as provided for under paragraph 16 of the annex to decision I/7.

6. Referrals by the secretariat

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, any referral made by the secretariat concerning possible non-compliance by a Party with its obligations under the Convention, as provided for under paragraph 17 of the annex to decision I/7.

7. Communications from members of the public

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, any communications received from the public, as provided for under chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7.

8. Other information received by the Committee relevant to possible cases of non-compliance

The Committee is expected to consider any other information relevant to possible non-compliance brought to its attention.

9. Modus operandi

The Committee will be invited to discuss issues related to its modus operandi, including:

(a) Procedures for bringing submissions made according to paragraph 15 of the annex to decision I/7 to the attention of the Party concerned and the Committee;

(b) Procedures for dealing with requests for information, including requests made to Committee members, regarding details of communications, submissions and referrals; and

(c) Procedures for discussing communications, including issues arising from possible conflict of interest.

10. Programme of work and calendar of meetings for 2004-2005

11. Any other business

12. Adoption of the report



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