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

Working Group on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers
(First meeting, Geneva, 28 February - 2 March 2001)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland,
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 28 February 2001

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of agenda.
3. Preparation of a draft instrument on pollutant release and transfer registers
(CEP/WG.5/AC.2/2001/3).
4. Any other business.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The first meeting of the Working Group on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers is convened in the light of the decision of the Committee on Environmental Policy, following a recommendation from the Meeting of the Signatories to the Convention, to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group charged with the preparation of a legally binding instrument on pollutant release and transfer registers, with a view to having such an instrument ready for the fifth Ministerial 'Environment for Europe' Conference (ECE/CEP/74, para. 30 (b), and CEP/WG.5/2000/2, para. 28 (c) respectively).

Item 1. Election of officers

The Working Group will elect a chairperson and may elect other officers.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Group is expected to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document.

Item 3. Preparation of a draft instrument on pollutant release and transfer registers

The Working Group is expected to start to prepare the draft text of a legally binding instrument on pollutant release and transfer registers. The secretariat has prepared a working document, with the assistance of a small number of experts serving in a personal capacity (CEP/WG.5/AC.2/2001/3). The Working Group may wish to use this document as a starting point for discussions.

Item 4. Any other business

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