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Ad hoc Working Group on the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Fifth session, Oslo, Norway, 6 - 8 May 2002)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTH SESSION

to be held at Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel in Oslo, Norway, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 6 May 2002 *

- 1. Adoption of the agenda.
- 2. Preparation of a draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment (MP.EIA/AC.1/2001/3 and MP.EIA/AC.1/2002/3).
- 3. Other business.
- 4. Closing of the fifth session.

^{*} The fifth session of the ad hoc Working Group will be held in Oslo, at the invitation of the Government of Norway. The provisional agenda has been prepared by the secretariat in agreement with Mr. Terje Lind, Chairman of the ad hoc Working Group, and the Government of Norway.

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The fifth session of the ad hoc Working Group will start on Monday, 6 May 2002 at 10 a.m. and continue with the preparation of a draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment. It will be held in the Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel and will be preceded by a seminar on experiences, in particular in the Nordic region, with the strategic environmental assessment of policies and legislation on Sunday, 5 May 2002. **

<u>Item 1</u>: <u>Adoption of the agenda</u>

In accordance with the rules of procedure adopted at the first meeting of the Parties, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda as set out in the present document.

<u>Item 2:</u> <u>Preparation of a draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment</u>

The ad hoc Working Group will continue to prepare a draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment in accordance with decision II/9, adopted at the second meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (ECE/MP.EIA/4), on the basis of the revised version of the substantive articles of the protocol (MP.EIA/AC.1/2002/3) prepared by the Bureau and the final provisions as included in the draft elements (MP.EIA/AC.1/2001/3) prepared by the secretariat.

<u>Item 3: Other business</u>

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

<u>Item 4: Closing of the fifth session</u>

The Chairperson will sum up the main decision taken by the ad hoc Working Group and close the fifth session.

^{**} Practical information on the hotel, the programme of the seminar, as well as the registration form, will be circulated at a later stage.