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

**Ad hoc Working Group on the Protocol
on Strategic Environmental Assessment
(Eighth session, Geneva, 13-16 January 2003)**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION

**to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 13 January 2003^{*/}**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Consideration of the report of the seventh session (MP.EIA/AC.1/2002/12).
3. Preparation of a draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment (MP.EIA/AC.1/2003/3).
4. Other business.
5. Closing of the eighth session.

^{*/} The provisional agenda has been prepared by the secretariat in agreement with Mr. Terje Lind, Chairman of the ad hoc Working Group.

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The eighth session of the ad hoc Working Group will start on Monday, 13 January 2003, at 10 a.m. and continue with the preparation of a draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment.

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

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.

Item 2: Consideration of the report of the seventh session

Further to the decision taken at the fifth session of the ad hoc Working Group, the Meeting will consider the report of the seventh session (MP.EIA/AC.1/2002/12).

Item 3: Preparation of a draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment

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 consolidated version of the draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment (MP.EIA/AC.1/2003/3), prepared by the Bureau with the assistance of the secretariat.

Item 4: Other business

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

Item 5: Closing of the eighth session

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