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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, 30 January 2003)**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION

**to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 30 January 2003^{*/}**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Consideration of the report of the seventh session (MP.EIA/AC.1/2002/12).
3. Finalization of the draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment (MP.EIA/AC.1/2003/3/Rev.1).
4. Finalization of the draft ministerial resolution on strategic environmental assessment.
5. Other business.
6. 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 Thursday, 30 January 2003, at 10 a.m. and is expected to finalize the draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment and the draft ministerial resolution.

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: Finalization of the draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment

The ad hoc Working Group will finalize the 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 final draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment (MP.EIA/AC.1/2003/3/Rev.1), prepared by the Bureau with the assistance of the secretariat.

The ad hoc Working Group is also expected to carry out a technical review of the final draft of the protocol and to solve the outstanding issues related to articles 4, paragraph 2, and 11, paragraph 2.

Item 4 : Finalization of the draft ministerial resolution on strategic environmental assessment.

The ad hoc Working Group is expected to finalize the draft ministerial resolution on strategic environmental assessment (MP.EIA/AC.1/2003/4) for formal adoption at the extraordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties in Kiev in May 2003.

Item 5: Other business

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

Item 6: 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.