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MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON
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TRANSBOUNDARY CONTEXT**



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

(Extraordinary meeting, Kiev, 21 May 2003)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

to be held in Kiev (Ukraine),
starting at 15.00 pm on Wednesday 21st May 2003 *

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment (MP.EIA/2003/1) and draft resolution (MP.EIA/2003/2).
3. Closing of the meeting.

* Detailed information regarding the venue of the meeting will be circulated at a later stage.

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: **Adoption of the agenda**

The Meeting of the Parties is expected to adopt the agenda prepared by the Bureau of the Ad hoc Working Group on the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Item 2: **Draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment (MP.EIA/2003/1) and draft resolution (MP.EIA/2003/2)**

The Meeting of the Parties will have before it the draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment to the 1991 Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, as finalized and recommended for adoption at the eighth session of the Ad hoc Working Group on the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, held in Geneva on 30 January 2003. The Chairman of the Ad hoc Working Group will give a short introduction to the protocol.

Under this item, the Chairman of the Meeting of the Parties will invite a limited number of Ministers, representing different subregions of ECE, to make keynote statements. It is expected that other delegations will take part in a discussion reflecting the positions and strategies of future Parties to the protocol on strategic environmental assessment, emphasizing future priorities. Delegations may also wish to make comments and suggestions as regards the further implementation of this protocol to the Convention, including the financial implications.

It is expected that the Meeting of the Parties will also adopt a ministerial resolution on the occasion of the adoption of the protocol.

Once the protocol is adopted, arrangements will be made for a signing ceremony on 21 May 2003, taking into account article 21 of the draft protocol. Consistent with the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties and established practice for multilateral treaties for which the Secretary-General is the depositary, the protocol should be signed by (i) Heads of State or (ii) Heads of Government or (iii) Ministers of Foreign Affairs or (iv) representatives duly authorized by one of these three authorities and possessing full signing powers.

Item 3: **Closing of the meeting**

A representative of the host country will close the meeting.