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

**Meeting of the Signatories to the Protocol on
Strategic Environmental Assessment
(Second meeting, Geneva, 25-26 April 2005)**

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND MEETING

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 25 April 2005 *

The second meeting of the Signatories to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) will be held back to back with the eighth meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment (Geneva, 27-29 April 2005).

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Status of ratification

* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the attached registration form, also available from the web site of the UNECE / ENHS Division (<http://www.unece.org/env/eia/welcome.html>), and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, at the latest two weeks prior to the meeting, either by fax (+41-22-917-0634 / 0107) or by e-mail (wiecher.schrage@unece.org). Prior to the meeting, delegates are requested to present themselves at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Villa Les Feuillantines, 13, Avenue de la Paix (a map is attached) to pick up their identification badge. In case of difficulty, please contact the UNECE secretariat by telephone (extension 71204).

3. Institutional and procedural activities

In accordance with the work plan adopted at the third meeting of the Parties to the Convention (decision III/9), representatives of Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom are expected to present proposals to resolve several institutional and procedural questions identified in the work plan. The Meeting is expected to consider these proposals.

4. Other activities relating to the Protocol listed in the work plan

- (a) SEA capacity-building needs analysis in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)

A representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will describe this activity, and present a regional overview for EECCA and five country reviews: Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. She will also describe UNDP follow-up: adaptation of the capacity development manual (see item 4 (b) below) in the Republic of Moldova and pilot studies in the other four countries. She will then report on the development of national and EECCA-wide capacity-building action plans. Finally, she will invite the Meeting to comment on the reviews and the implementation of the activity.

- (b) Production of a capacity development manual, and provision of training, to support implementation of the Protocol

A representative of the Regional Environment Centre for Central and Eastern Europe will describe this activity. He will report on the current status of the draft manual and on the three subregional review workshops for: (i) European Union and European Economic Area member States; (ii) South-East Europe; and (iii) the Caucasus. He will also describe future plans under this activity and will invite the Meeting to comment on the draft manual and the implementation of the activity.

5. Joint workshop on public participation in strategic decision-making

Further to the information that he provided at the first meeting of the Signatories (ECE/MP.EIA/6, para. 23), the Chair is expected to report on the proposal for a joint workshop with the Aarhus Convention on public participation in strategic decision-making.

6. Date of the next meeting

The Signatories will decide on the date of their third meeting, taking into account decision III/12 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention “to enable the Meeting of the Signatories to convene a maximum of three times prior to the fourth meeting of the Parties to the Convention, or the first meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, whichever occurs first” (para. 2), which is in line with decision III/10 to budget for three such meetings.

7. Other business

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

8. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the meeting



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