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CONVENTION ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION,
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING AND
ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Compliance Committee

Nineteenth meeting
Geneva, 5–7 March 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINETEENTH MEETING

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 5 March 2008*

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Committee
3. Other matters arising from previous meetings

* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the Convention's website (www.unece.org/env/pp/practical.htm), and to transmit it to the Convention secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting either by fax (+41 22 917 0634) or by e-mail (public.participation@unece.org). On their way to the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on the Convention's website). In case of difficulty, please contact the Convention secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1502/2682.

4. Submissions by Parties concerning other Parties
5. Submissions by Parties concerning their own compliance
6. Referrals by the secretariat
7. Communications from members of the public
8. Follow-up on specific cases of non-compliance
9. Review of compliance with reporting requirements and substantive matters arising from national implementation reports
10. Preparation and adoption of the Committee's report to the Meeting of the Parties
11. Programme of work and calendar of meetings
12. Any other business
13. Adoption of the meeting report

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document, also taking into account any points raised for consideration by representatives of non-governmental organizations present at the meeting as observers.

Item 2. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Committee

The Committee will be invited to share any information on relevant developments since its previous meeting that is not covered under other agenda items.

Item 3. Other matters arising from previous meetings

The Committee will be invited to discuss any matters arising from its previous meetings.

Item 4. Submissions by Parties concerning other Parties

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, any submissions made by Parties concerning another Party's compliance with its obligations under the Convention, as provided for under paragraph 15 of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

Item 5. Submissions by Parties concerning their own compliance

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, any submissions made by Parties concerning their own compliance with the obligations under the Convention, as provided for under paragraph 16 of the annex to decision I/7.

Item 6. Referrals by the secretariat

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, any referrals made by the secretariat concerning possible non-compliance by individual Parties with their obligations under the Convention, as provided for under paragraph 17 of the annex to decision I/7.

Item 7. Communications from members of the public

The Committee is mandated to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures, communications from the public, as provided for under chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7.

(a) The Committee is expected to finalize and adopt its findings and, if appropriate, recommendations with respect to communications ACCC/C/2005/15 (Romania), ACCC/C/2006/16 (Lithuania), ACCC/C/2006/17 (European Community) and ACCC/C/2006/18 (Denmark);

(b) The Committee is expected to consider any new information received with regard to communications ACCC/C/2007/20 (Kazakhstan) and ACCC/C/2007/21 (European Community);

(c) The Committee will discuss any new communications received sufficiently in advance of the meeting, in particular with respect to their admissibility and any issues that may need to be raised with the Party concerned;

(d) The Committee may discuss any other issues related to communications.

Item 8. Follow-up on specific cases of non-compliance

(a) The Committee will be invited to discuss any progress with regard to implementation of decisions II/5, II/5a, II/5b and II/5c of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PP/2005/2/Add. 6–9);

(b) The Committee is expected to review any information received in connection with the implementation of recommendations adopted following consideration of communications since the second meeting of the Parties, notably ACCC/C/2004/08 (Armenia) and ACCC/C/2005/12 (Albania).

Item 9. Review of compliance with reporting requirements and substantive matters arising from national implementation reports

The Committee is expected to monitor and assess, to the extent possible, the implementation of and compliance with the reporting requirements in accordance with its mandate (decision I/7, annex, para. 13 (c)). The results of this review will be included in the Committee's report to the Meeting of the Parties. The Committee is also expected to review the content of the available national implementation reports prepared for the third meeting of the Parties with a view to identifying aspects or trends that are relevant to compliance issues and, where appropriate, addressing these in its report to the Meeting of the Parties.

Item 10. Preparation and adoption of the Committee's report to the Meeting of the Parties

The Committee is expected to prepare and adopt its report to the Meeting of the Parties, pursuant to chapter X of the annex to decision I/7.

Item 11. Programme of work and calendar of meetings

Item 12. Any other business

Item 13. Adoption of the meeting report
