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Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

### Working Group of the Parties

#### Ninth meeting

Geneva, 24–25 November 2022

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the ninth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.  
on Thursday, 24 November 2022

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## II. Annotations

### 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

*Time: Thursday, 24 November, 10–10.10 a.m.*

The Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters will be invited to adopt the agenda for its ninth meeting as set out in the present document.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda for the ninth meeting (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2022/1)

### 2. Status of ratification of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers

*Time: Thursday, 24 November, 10.10–10.15 a.m.*

The secretariat will inform participants of the status of ratification, acceptance and approval of and accession to the Protocol. Delegations will be invited to report on recent or anticipated developments in that regard. The current status of ratification of the Protocol may be consulted online.<sup>2</sup>

### 3. Promotion and coordination

#### (a) Coordination mechanisms and synergies

*Time: Thursday, 24 November, 10.15–11.15 a.m.*

The Working Group of the Parties will consider potential areas for cooperation with partner organizations. In that regard, it will be informed of the relevant activities of, among others, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the Working Group on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers, the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

#### **Documentation**

Report on the implementation of the work programmes of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2018–2021 and 2022–2025 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2022/3)

#### (b) Global promotion of the Protocol

*Time: Thursday, 24 November, 11.15 a.m.–12.15 p.m.*

The Working Group will discuss any relevant matters in relation to the promotion of the Protocol.

#### **Documentation**

Report on the implementation of the work programmes of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2018–2021 and 2022–2025 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2022/3)

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<sup>1</sup> All documentation for the meeting will be made available on a dedicated web page of the Protocol's website: <https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Public-Participation/events/369119>.

<sup>2</sup> See [www.unece.org/env/pp/ratification.html](http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ratification.html).

#### 4. Compliance and reporting mechanisms

*Time: Thursday, 24 November, 12.15–12.45 p.m.*

The Working Group will consider any developments with regard to the compliance mechanism and the status of submission of national implementation reports.

##### **Documentation**

Report on the implementation of the work programmes of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2018–2021 and 2022–2025 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2022/3)

Report of the Compliance Committee on its eleventh meeting (ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2021/6)

Report of the Compliance Committee on its twelfth meeting (ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2022/2)

#### 5. Programme of work and operation of the Protocol

##### (a) Implementation of the work programmes for 2018–2021 and 2022–2025, including financial matters

*Time: Thursday, 24 November, 12.45–1 p.m.*

The Working Group will consider the status of implementation of the Protocol's work programmes for 2018–2021 and 2022–2025.

The Working Group will be informed of the contributions received to support implementation of the Protocol's current work programme and the expenditures incurred during 2021 and projected for the period 2022–2023. Delegations will be invited to make pledges to support implementation of the current work programme.

##### **Documentation**

Report on the implementation of the work programmes of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2018–2021 and 2022–2025 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2022/3)

Report on contributions and expenditures in relation to the implementation of the work programmes of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2018–2021 and 2022–2025 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2022/4)

##### (b) Development of the Protocol

*Time: Thursday, 24 November, 3–5.45 p.m.*

Pursuant to decision IV/2 on development of the Protocol (ECE/MP.PRTR/2021/6/Add.1), Parties and stakeholders will be invited to share recent developments concerning pollutant release and transfer register systems, including activities, measures and other relevant advances.

##### **Documentation**

Report of the fourth session of the Protocol's Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PRTR/2021/6 and Add.1)

Note to guide the discussion on the development of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2022/5)

Note on possible linkages between pollutant release and transfer registers and plastic pollution (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2022/6)

Comparative analysis of different international reporting obligations related to annexes I, II and III to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR/WG.1/2022/Inf.1)

Report on the outcomes of the survey on the experiences in implementing the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2020/4)

Report on the development of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2019/6 and Add.1)

## **6. Fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties**

*Time: Thursday, 24 November, 5.45–6 p.m.*

The Working Group will consider possible dates and venue for the fifth ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties, bearing in mind the requirement under article 17 of the Protocol that ordinary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties are to be held sequentially with or parallel to ordinary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention, unless otherwise decided by the Parties to the Protocol. Parties are invited to consider hosting the session and to inform the secretariat in advance of any proposals they may intend to make in this regard.

## **7. Subregional and national activities: achievements, needs and challenges for capacity-building**

*Time: Friday, 25 November, 10 a.m.–12.55 p.m.*

During the session, participants will have the opportunity to share experiences gained through implementing and developing pollutant release and transfer registers in different countries, and to learn how to make use of synergies with other reporting obligations, in order to improve the effectiveness of the implementation of pollutant release and transfer registers. Participants will also be invited to consider needs and challenges for capacity-building in relation to establishing and maintaining pollutant release and transfer registers.

## **8. Other business**

*Time: Friday, 25 November, 12.55–1 p.m.*

Delegates wishing to suggest points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

## **9. Adoption of decisions and outcomes of the meeting**

*Time: Friday, 25 November, 3–4 p.m.<sup>3</sup>*

The Working Group is expected to adopt the decisions and outcomes of the meeting.

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<sup>3</sup> To ensure equal opportunities for English-, French- and Russian-speaking delegations while saving paper, the draft text of the meeting decisions and outcomes will be projected onto a screen about 1 hour before the close of the meeting and presented orally by the Chair in English, with interpretation into the other languages. The list of decisions and outcomes will be distributed to participants by email after the meeting.