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## Economic Commission for Europe

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

**Ninth session, resumed**

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention  
on Environmental Impact Assessment in  
a Transboundary Context serving as the  
Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on  
Strategic Environmental Assessment

**Fifth session, resumed**

Geneva, 10 December 2024

Item 2 (c) of the provisional agenda

**Organizational matters:  
adoption of the agenda**

**Annotated provisional agenda for the ninth session of the  
Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, resumed, and the  
fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol,  
resumed**

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.  
on Tuesday, 10 December 2024\***

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\* Delegates attending the sessions are requested to register online by no later than **28 October 2024** through the following link: <https://indico.un.org/event/1007297/>. 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 map and other practical information available from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe website: [www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html)). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by email ([maricar.delacruz@un.org](mailto:maricar.delacruz@un.org); [eia.conv@un.org](mailto:eia.conv@un.org)) or telephone at +41 22 917 6307.



## I. Provisional agenda

### High-level segment, resumed

1. Resuming the high-level segment.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Status of officers for the high-level segment;
  - (b) Report of the Bureau;
  - (c) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (d) Report on credentials;
  - (e) Status of the Convention and its amendments and the Protocol.
3. Adoption of decisions:
  - (a) Decisions to be taken jointly;
  - (b) Decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention;
  - (c) Decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.
4. Adoption of the declaration.
5. Other business:
  - (a) Status of the Convention and its amendments and the Protocol;
  - (b) Information on new pledges.
6. Conclusion of the session:
  - (a) Adoption of the outline report of the session;
  - (b) Closing of the session.

## II. Proposed organization of the sessions: overview

1. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol) will resume in conjunction in a single meeting room on 10 December 2024:
  - (a) The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention for its ninth session, resumed;
  - (b) The Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol for its fifth session, resumed.
2. Delegates will be invited to be present throughout the sessional period.
3. The high-level segment will resume at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 10 December 2024, and continue until 6 p.m. The resumed Meetings of the Parties will convene in joint and individual meetings, in sequence, including for the adoption of decisions and a declaration.
4. All documentation and practical information on the resumed meetings will be made available on a web page for the meeting on the Convention's and the Protocol's website.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/meeting-parties-convention-environmental-impact-assessment>.

### **III. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

#### **High-level segment, resumed**

##### **1. Resuming the high-level segment**

*Tentative timing: Tuesday, 10 December, 10–10.10 a.m.*

1. The high-level segment of the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will resume as a joint meeting. It will be resumed by the Chair of the Bureau.

##### **2. Organizational matters**

*Tentative timing: Tuesday, 10 December, 10.10–10.30 a.m.*

2. The Meetings of the Parties will then resume the joint meeting to address the organizational matters set out below.

###### **(a) Status of officers for the high-level segment**

3. The Meetings of the Parties, convened in a joint meeting, will be informed on the status of the officers for the high-level segment. It will then take action as necessary.

###### **(b) Report of the Bureau**

4. The Chair of the Bureau will inform the resumed Meetings of the Parties on the work of the Bureau during the intersessional period.

###### **(c) Adoption of the agenda**

5. The Meetings of the Parties are expected to adopt the agenda contained in the present document. The provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat in agreement with the Bureau.

#### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, resumed, and the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, resumed (ECE/MP.EIA/33–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/16)

#### *Informal document*

Informal notes on the agenda (ECE/MP.EIA/2024/INF.1)

###### **(d) Report on credentials**

6. According to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2, annex I, decision I/1), which applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, the credentials of representatives of Parties, and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, are to be submitted to the secretariat if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation must also be submitted to the secretariat. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of State, the Head of Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority thereof. Only representatives of Parties with valid credentials<sup>2</sup> will be able to participate in the adoption of a decision or declaration. Parties are also invited to send

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<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to the decision of the meeting of the Bureau (online, 1 March 2024), the credentials issued for MoP9/MoP5 (2023) will be valid for the resumed MoP9/MoP5 (2024) unless a Party appoints other representatives and submits new credentials.

the secretariat a copy of the credentials<sup>3</sup> two weeks prior to the session, that is to say, by 26 November 2024.

7. The Chairs will examine the credentials and report on them to the Meetings of the Parties (see rule 17 of the rules of procedure). The Meetings of the Parties will be invited to take note of the report on credentials of the representatives of Parties attending the Meetings of the Parties. Representatives may participate provisionally, pending this action.

**(e) Status of the Convention and its amendments and the Protocol**

8. The secretariat will inform participants about the status of ratification of the Convention, its two amendments and the Protocol since the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Geneva, 12–15 December 2023).

*Informal document*

Status of ratification of the Convention, its amendments and its Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2024/INF.2)

### **3. Adoption of decisions**

*Tentative timing: Tuesday, 10 December, 10.30 a.m.–noon*

9. The Chair of the high-level segment will introduce the decisions, indicating their title and number, the symbol of the document containing the draft text for consideration and which Parties are invited to consider and adopt the decision: Parties to the Convention; Parties to the Protocol; or Parties to either instrument. The secretariat will be invited to describe any changes to the document made by delegations during the general segment (2023). Members of the Bureau may provide additional information on each decision, as appropriate. The decisions will be introduced in the sequence indicated below.

**(a) Decisions to be taken jointly**

10. None.

**(b) Decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention**

11. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention will be invited to consider adoption of the following decision, as reviewed and finalized by delegations during the general segment (2023):

(a) Decision on compliance with the Convention on:

(i) Compliance by Czechia with its obligations under the Convention in respect of the lifetime extension of four reactors of Dukovany nuclear power plant (decision IX/4i).

**Documentation**

Draft decisions on compliance with the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2024/2)

**(c) Decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol**

12. None.

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<sup>3</sup> The secretariat will verify the status of the credentials with the respective Parties in advance of the resumed Meetings.

#### **4. Adoption of the declaration**

*Tentative timing: Tuesday, 10 December, noon–1 p.m.*

13. Meeting jointly, the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will be invited to consider the adoption of the Geneva declaration, proposed by the Bureau, as reviewed and finalized by delegations during the general segment (2023).

##### **Documentation**

Draft Geneva declaration (ECE/MP.EIA/2024/1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2024/1)

#### **5. Other business**

*Tentative timing: Tuesday, 10 December, 3–3.15 p.m.*

14. Delegations wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible and no later than 1 November 2024.

##### **(a) Status of the Convention and its amendments and the Protocol**

15. The secretariat will inform participants about the status of ratification of the Convention, its two amendments and the Protocol since the adjournment of the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (12–15 December 2023).

##### **(b) Information on new pledges**

16. The Meetings of the Parties will be informed on the Parties' pledging new contributions.

#### **6. Conclusion of the session**

*Tentative timing: Tuesday, 10 December, 3.15–4 p.m.*

##### **(a) Adoption of the outline report of the session**

17. The Chair for the high-level segment of the Meetings of the Parties, with support from the secretariat, will present the main decisions taken during the sessional period.

18. The Meetings of the Parties will be invited to review and adopt the draft report and authorize the secretariat to complete the report after the session under the guidance of the Bureau.

##### **(b) Closing of the session**

19. The Chair will close the session.

## IV. Provisional programme of the sessions

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<i>Date and indicative timing</i>	<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
<b>Tuesday, 10 December</b>		
10–10.10 a.m.	<b>1</b>	<b>Resuming the high-level segment</b>
10.10–10.30 a.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>Organizational matters</b>
	(a)	<b>Status of officers for the high-level segment</b>
	(b)	<b>Report of the Bureau</b>
	(c)	<b>Adoption of the agenda</b>
	(d)	<b>Report on credentials</b>
	(e)	<b>Status of the Convention and its amendments and the Protocol</b>
10.30 a.m.–noon	<b>3</b>	<b>Adoption of decisions</b>
	(a)	<b>Decisions to be taken jointly</b>
	(b)	<b>Decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention</b>
	(c)	<b>Decisions to be taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol</b>
noon–1 p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>Adoption of the declaration</b>
3–3.15 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>Other business</b>
	(a)	<b>Status of the Convention and its amendments and the Protocol</b>
	(b)	<b>Information on new pledges</b>
3.15–4 p.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>Conclusion of the session</b>
	(a)	<b>Adoption of the outline report of the session</b>
	(b)	<b>Closing of the session</b>

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