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Working Group of the Parties

Eleventh meeting

Geneva, 22 November 2024

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Friday, 22 November 2024

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1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Time: Friday, 22 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 eleventh meeting, as set out in the present document.¹

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2024/1)

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

Time: Friday, 22 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.²

3. Promotion and coordination

Time: Friday, 22 November, 10.15–10.45 a.m.

The Working Group of the Parties will be informed of the relevant activities carried out under the auspices of partner organizations and will consider potential areas for cooperation with them.

Documentation

Report on the implementation of the work programme of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2022–2025 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2024/3)

4. Compliance and reporting mechanisms

Time: Friday, 22 November, 10.45–11 a.m.

The Working Group will be briefed on the preparation of national implementation reports for the next reporting cycle and will consider any developments with regard to the compliance mechanism.

Documentation

Membership of the Compliance Committee (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2024/5)

¹ All documentation for the meeting will be made available on a dedicated web page of the Protocol's website: <https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/eleventh-meeting-working-group-parties-protocol-prtrs-and-global-round>.

² See www.unece.org/env/pp/ratification.html.

Report on the implementation of the work programme of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2022–2025 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2024/3)

Report of the Compliance Committee on its fourteenth meeting (ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2024/2)

5. Preparations for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

Time: Friday, 22 November, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–4 p.m.

(a) Substantive preparations

(i) Agenda for the fifth session

The Working Group will be invited to consider a draft outline of the agenda for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers.

Documentation

Draft outline of the agenda for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2024/10)

(ii) Declaration

The Working Group will be invited to consider a draft Declaration.

Documentation

Draft Declaration (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2024/11)

(iii) Development of the Protocol and proposal on modernizing pollutant release and transfer registers

The Working Group will be invited to consider a draft proposal on a decision on promoting modernization of pollutant release and transfer registers, their global promotion and synergy.

Documentation

Draft proposal on a decision on promoting modernization of pollutant release and transfer registers, their global promotion and synergy (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2024/6)

(iv) Programme of work for 2026–2029

The Working Group will be invited to consider a draft decision on the future work programme for the Protocol.

Documentation

Draft decision on the work programme for 2026-2029 for the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2024/8)

(v) Financial arrangements under the Protocol

The Working Group will be invited to consider a draft decision on the future financial arrangements for the Protocol.

Documentation

Draft decision on financial arrangements under the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2024/9)

(vi) Reporting requirements

The Working Group will be invited to consider a draft decision on the reporting requirements for the Protocol.

Documentation

Draft decision on the reporting requirements for the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2024/7)

(b) Hosting and preparatory timeline

The Working Group will be informed of any updates regarding preparations for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, including hosting matters and a preparatory timeline.

Documentation

Note on the preparatory timeline for the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention and the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (PRTR/WG.1/2023/Inf.1)

6. Implementation of the work programme for 2022–2025, including financial matters

Time: Friday, 22 November, 4–4.45 p.m.

The Working Group will consider the status of implementation of the Protocol's work programme for 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 2023 and projected for 2024. Delegations will be invited to make pledges to support implementation of the current work programme.

Documentation

Report on the implementation of the work programme of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2022–2025 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2024/3)

Report on contributions and expenditures in relation to the implementation of the work programme of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2022–2025 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2024/4)

7. Calendar of meetings

Time: Friday, 22 November, 4.45–4.50 p.m.

The Working Group will be informed of the tentative calendar of meetings for 2025.

8. Other business

Time: Friday, 22 November, 4.50–4.55 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, 22 November, 5.20–6 p.m.*³

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

³ 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 one hour before the close of the meeting and presented orally by the Chair to allow interpretation into the above-mentioned languages. There will be a break to prepare decisions and outcomes from 4.55 to 5.20 p.m. The list of decisions and outcomes will be distributed to participants by email after the meeting.