Decision I/2

Adopted by the 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 at its first session

Points of contact, format for notification and focal points

The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment,

Recalling article 10 of the Protocol,

- 1. Agrees that notifications of proposed plans and programmes, the implementation of which are likely to cause significant transboundary environmental, including health, effects shall be transmitted to the relevant points of contact listed on the website of the Convention unless otherwise provided for in bilateral or multilateral agreements or other arrangements. Where no point of contact has been nominated, the notification shall be transmitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the affected Party or Parties;
- 2. Recommends Parties to use the format for notification appended to decision I/4 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, mutatis mutandis, to the extent possible when transmitting a notification according to article 10 of the Protocol, and invites the subsidiary body, responsible for assisting in the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol and the management of their joint workplan, to prepare a revised format for notification to be presented at the second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol;
- 3. *Establishes* a network of focal points, listed on the website of the Convention, with the aim of strengthening links between Parties and facilitating a systematic exchange of relevant information;
- 4. *Calls on* Parties to submit information on modifications or additions to the list of points of contact and the list of focal points to the secretariat immediately;
- 5. Also calls on Parties which have not yet informed the secretariat of their point of contact or focal point to do so as soon as possible;
- 6. *Requests* the secretariat to update these lists continuously in order to facilitate the effective implementation of the Protocol.

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