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Subject:	Working Party on International Environment Issues
Date:	Monday, 10 June 2013 (10h00)
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Aarhus Convention

1. Preparation for the 16th meeting of the Working Group of the Parties (WGP 16) to the Aarhus Convention (Geneva, 19-21 June 2013)
 - a) Provisional agenda for the WGP 16
 - Item 3(a) – Task Force on Access to Information (AC/WGP-16/Inf.1)
 - Item 3(b) – Task Force on Public participation (AC/WGP-16/Inf.2)
 - Item 3(c) – Access to Justice Task Force (AC/WGP-16/Inf.3)
 - Item 4(a) – Compliance Committee (AC/WGP-16/Inf.7)
 - Item 4(c) – Preparation of national implementation reports
 - Item 5 – Accession of non-UNECE states / promoting principles of Aarhus Convention in other regions
 - Item 6 – Report on the implementation of the work programme for 2012-2014 (ECE/MP.PP/WG.1/2013/3)
 - Item 7 – Promotion of the principles of the Convention in International Forums

- Item 8 (a) – Future Strategic Plan for 2015–2020 (ECE/MP.PP/WG.1/2013/7)
- Item 8 (b)(i) – Evaluation of the current functioning and implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/WG.1/2013/8)
- Item 8 (b) (ii) – Future work programme for 2015–2017 (ECE/MP.PP/WG.1/2013/12)
- Item 8 (c) (i) – Assessment of the current interim scheme of contributions (ECE/MP.PP/WG.1/2013/9)
- Item 8 (c) (ii) – Draft elements of possible financial arrangements under the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/WG.1/2013/10)
- Item 8(d) and 8(e) – Preparation for MOP 5

b) Practical arrangements

2. Items for information

- a) Preparations for MOP 5
- b) Preliminary information on the incoming Lithuanian Presidency
- c) Information on C-260/11 (Edwards)
- d) Updates from Member States on cases before Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

3. Any other business

Additional documents on the above items will be circulated in due course.

Aarhus Secretariat papers referred to the above agenda items are available on the UNECE website (<http://www.unece.org/env/pp/aarhus/wgp16.html>).

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- NB 1: From 2.30 to 3.30 pm, in the margins of the WPIEI Aarhus meeting, delegations are invited to an informal meeting with EEB and other NGO representatives on the upcoming WGP 16.
- NB 2: To reduce costs, only documents produced in the week preceding the meeting will be available in the meeting room.
- NB 3: Delegates requiring day badges to attend meetings should consult document 14387/1/12 REV 1 on how to obtain them.