

Decision I/8

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

Decision V/8

Adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context at its fifth session

Accession by Member States of the United Nations not members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

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

Meeting in joint session,

Recalling article 17, paragraph 3, of the Convention, as adopted by decision II/14 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, which concerns the accession upon approval of a State that is a Member of the United Nations but that is not a member of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE),

Recalling also article 23, paragraph 3, of the Protocol, which concerns the accession upon approval of a State that is a Member of the United Nations but that is not a member of UNECE,

1. *Request* any State that wishes to accede to the Convention or to the Protocol, and that is a Member of the United Nations but that is not a member of UNECE, to address a letter to the Executive Secretary of UNECE from its Minister of Foreign Affairs expressing the State's desire to accede to the Convention or to the Protocol;

2. *Also request* a State referred to in paragraph 1, which wishes to accede to the Convention, to provide a copy of its legislation in one of the official languages of the United Nations, establishing clear, transparent and effective procedures for environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context in accordance with the provisions of the Convention;

3. *Further request* a State referred to in paragraph 1, which wishes to accede to the Protocol, to provide a copy of its legislation in one of the official languages of the United Nations, establishing clear, transparent and effective procedures for strategic environmental assessment in accordance with the objective and provisions of the Protocol;

4. *Expect* to consider the information referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, when deciding whether to approve the accession of a State that is a Member of the United Nations but that is not a member of UNECE;

5. *Also expect* to instruct the secretariat to inform the Depositary of any decision to approve the accession of a State that is a Member of the United Nations but that is not a member of UNECE;

6. *Further expect* to use the formats presented in the annex to this decision when deciding whether to approve the accession of a State that is a Member of the United Nations but that is not a member of UNECE.

Annex
Formats for decision

I. Accession to the Convention

The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention,

Recalling article 17, paragraph 3, of the Convention, as adopted by decision II/14 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, which concerns the accession upon approval of a State that is a Member of the United Nations but that is not a member of UNECE,

Having received a copy of a letter addressed to the Executive Secretary of UNECE from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of ... expressing that State's desire to accede to the Convention,

Having also received a copy of the legislation of ... in one of the official languages of the United Nations, establishing clear, transparent and effective procedures for environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context in accordance with the provisions of the Convention,

1. *Approves* the accession of ... to the Convention;
2. *Instructs* the secretariat to inform the Depositary of this decision.

II. Accession to the Protocol

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

Recalling article 23, paragraph 3, of the Protocol, which concerns the accession upon approval of a State that is a Member of the United Nations but that is not a member of the Economic Commission for Europe,

Having received a copy of a letter addressed to the Executive Secretary of UNECE from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of ... expressing that State's desire to accede to the Protocol,

Having also received a copy of the legislation of ... in one of the official languages of the United Nations, establishing clear, transparent and effective procedures for strategic environmental assessment in accordance with the objective of the Protocol,

1. *Approves* the accession of ... to the Protocol;
2. *Instructs* the secretariat to inform the Depositary of this decision.