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Virtual Roundtable on the Development of Secondary Legislation on EIA and SEA in Azerbaijan

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, 18 August 2020

Start: 14h Baku time – 12h Geneva time

End: 18h30 Baku time – 16h30 Geneva time

Technical equipment: web-based video conferencing
Language: English – Azerbaijani (simultaneous interpretation)

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VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE
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18 August 2020 (14:00 – 18:30 Baku time)

Background

The Law on Environmental Impact Assessment and the Law on Making Changes to the Law on Environmental Protection adopted by Azerbaijan in 2018 provide an improved legal framework for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) with several areas still requiring further alignment with the international standards, in particular, with the provisions of the Convention on EIA in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on SEA. Azerbaijan intends to address the remaining gaps vis-à-vis the Convention and the Protocol through secondary implementing legislation on EIA and SEA developed by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2019.

Within the framework of the EU-funded EU4Environment programme (2019 – 2022), UNECE is assisting Azerbaijan in reviewing and providing recommendations for the alignment of its draft secondary implementing legislation – the Draft Regulation on Regulation and Duration for Conducting Environmental Impact, Including Transboundary Impact, Assessment and the Draft Regulation on Conducting SEA – with the international standards.

Together with the presentations of the draft regulations, results of the review, including concrete recommendations for how to align the secondary legislation fully with the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA, will form the basis for discussions at this Roundtable. The roundtable is organized by UNECE and the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan as a part of the process of developing secondary legislation on EIA and SEA in Azerbaijan.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- present the results of the review and the recommendations regarding procedural schemes for the implementation of EIA, including transboundary EIA, and SEA to the relevant stakeholders and the public;
- introduce to the relevant stakeholders and the public the new schemes for the implementation of EIA and SEA laid out in the draft regulations and the rationale for their introduction in light of the review and the recommendations by an international legal consultant;
- support the finalization of the draft secondary regulations on EIA and SEA to be fully aligned with the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA and harmonized with the EU SEA and EIA Directives.

Participants

Up to 40 representatives of different government authorities and entities, NGOs and other interested stakeholders.

Practical Information

Simultaneous interpretation in English and Azerbaijani will be provided.

Connection details to the web-based video conferencing platform are provided in the Logistical Note.

About EU4Environment

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Time (Baku)	Item
14:00 - 14:15	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Teymur Shakaraliyev, Head of Law Department, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan (MENR)• Ms. Simona Gatti, Minister Counsellor, Head of Cooperation, European Union Delegation to Azerbaijan• Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, Environmental Affairs Officer, EU4Environment Project Manager at UNECE
14:15 - 14:30	Introduction to the roundtable <p><i>Ms. Aysel Rzayeva</i>, Focal Point to the Espoo Convention, Head of Green Development and Innovations Subdivision, International Cooperation Division, MENR and Dr. Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE International Consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objectives and Agenda
14:30 - 15:10	Draft Regulation on EIA: presentation of national scheme for implementation of EIA <p><i>Ms. Banuchichek Akhundzadeh</i>, National Consultant</p> Draft regulation on EIA: presentation of transboundary scheme for implementation of EIA in a transboundary context <p><i>Ms. Banuchichek Akhundzadeh</i>, National Consultant and <i>Ms. Aysel Rzayeva</i>, Focal Point to the Espoo Convention</p>
15:10 - 15:40	Draft Regulation on EIA in Azerbaijan in light of the UNECE Espoo Convention and other applicable international standards: findings and recommendations of the Review <p><i>Dr. Jerzy Jendroska</i>, UNECE International Consultant</p>
15:40 - 16:40	Q&A session on the presented findings and recommendations (EIA) <p><i>Facilitated by Ms. Banuchichek Akhundzadeh</i>, National Consultant and <i>Dr. Jerzy Jendroska</i>, UNECE International Consultant</p>
16:40 - 16:50	Break
16:50 - 17:20	Draft Regulation on SEA: presentation of national scheme for implementation of SEA <p><i>Ms. Banuchichek Akhundzadeh</i>, National Consultant and <i>Ms. Aysel Rzayeva</i>, Focal Point to the Espoo Convention</p>
17:20 - 17:40	Draft Regulation on SEA in Azerbaijan in light of the UNECE Protocol on SEA and other applicable international standards: findings and recommendations of the Review <p><i>Dr. Jerzy Jendroska</i>, UNECE International Consultant</p>
17:40 - 18:20	Q&A session on the presented findings and recommendations (SEA)

*Facilitated by **Ms. Banuchichak Akhundzadeh**, National Consultant
and **Dr. Jerzy Jendroska**, UNECE International Consultant*

18:20 - 18:30

Conclusions and closing of the roundtable
