

МІНІСТЕРСТВО ЕКОЛОГІЇ ТА ПРИРОДНИХ РЕСУРСІВ УКРАЇНИ

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To the Secretariat of the Aarhus Convention

The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine presents compliments to the Secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) and has the honour to inform of the following.

By paragraph 6 of the Decision IV/9h the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention issued a caution to Ukraine due to non-compliance with its provisions. Paragraph 7 of the Decision mentioned that the caution would be lifted on 1 June 2012, if Ukraine had fully implemented the measures requested by the Decision II/5b of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention and had notified the secretariat of that fact.

By the Letter of 28 March 2012 Ukraine has submitted the Report to the secretariat in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 7 of the Decision IV/9h of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention.

By the Letter of 5 of June 2012 # ENV/269 Ukraine was informed that the Committee is even more concerned at the fact that the report doesn't provide evidence of full implementation by Ukraine of the measures requested by the Meeting of the Parties. Taking into consideration above mentioned, the Letter requires to submit additional information evidencing that Ukraine has actually fulfilled the measures requested in a successful manner. This information needs to be provided as soon as possible but not later than 25 of June 2012.

In relation to the above mentioned and supplementing information stated in the Report, the Ministry would like to inform that on 21 June 2012 the Draft Law of Ukraine "On amending certain laws of Ukraine in connection to implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context" (Draft Law) has been registered with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (registration № 10651, the Draft Law together with the set of accompanying documents in Ukrainian is posted on the official web-site of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb_n/webproc4_1?id=&pf3511=43793).

The Draft Law is envisaged to be considered by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine for July 2012.

Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of the highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Minister E. Stanitskiy