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ACTION PLAN

for Implementation of the Convention on Access to
Information, Public Participation in Decision-making
and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters
for 2014-2017

No. (in sequence)	Measures	Bodies responsible	Time frames	Notes
1.	To conduct an analysis of the laws and regulations of the Republic of Belarus in the aim of drawing up proposals for improving the legislation of the Republic of Belarus pursuant to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental	Ministry of the Environment	2015-2016	Pursuant to paragraphs 6 and 7 of Decision V/9c on compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Convention ('Decision V/9c'),

	Matters ('the Convention'), and to prepare draft laws and regulations on this issue.			approved by the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties on 2 July 2014 in Maastricht (Netherlands)
2.	To provide curriculum policy documentation for educational programmes in higher education institutions and continuing adult education, including training courses (professional development, retraining) in specialisms relating to environmental protection, and in teaching the basic provisions of the Convention	Ministry of Education, Academy of Public Administration under the aegis of the President of the Republic of Belarus, Ministry of the Environment	2015-2016	article 3, paragraph 3 of the Convention
3.	To organize and conduct seminars for national government bodies, courts and the public prosecution service, legal entities and individuals on issues connected with implementing the Convention	Ministry of the Environment, other national government bodies, executive and administrative agencies	2015-2017	article 3, paragraph 3 of the Convention
4.	To create a register of environmental information			article 5, paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Convention

4.1	To analyse environmental information in the aim of making it publicly accessible without prejudice to terms of confidentiality under the Convention	Ministry of the Environment, other national government bodies, executive and administrative agencies	November 2014 - January 2015	
>>4.2	To compile a consolidated list of data on environmental information and to agree it with the public authorities concerned	Ministry of the Environment	April-May 2015	
4.3	Technical preparation and workflow management to ensure open access to environmental information	Ministry of the Environment	December 2015	
5.	To provide the Ministry of the Environment with environmental information data for updating the Register of Environmental Information	national government bodies, executive and administrative agencies	annually, by 1 October	
6.	To provide the Ministry of the Environment with information about implementation of the Convention and of relevant national legislative provisions	national government bodies, executive and administrative agencies	by 15 December 2014, by 15 October 2015, by 15 October 2016	Pursuant to paragraph 8 of Decision V/9c
7.	To compile detailed reports on the Republic of Belarus's progress and on the results achieved in implementing the Compliance Committee's	Ministry of the Environment	by 31 December 2014, by 30 October 2015,	Pursuant to paragraph 8 of Decision V/9c

	recommendations and the provisions of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters		by 30 October 2016*, and as necessary thereafter	
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* - pursuant to Decision V/9c on compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, approved by the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties on 2 July 2014 in Maastricht (Netherlands), the Republic of Belarus must provide progress reports to the governing bodies of the Convention by 31 December 2014, 30 October 2015 and 30 October 2016