



Executive Secretary
Under-Secretary-General

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Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you pursuant to paragraph 8(a) of decision VI/8c of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention), enclosed.

In this regard, I would like to bring to your attention that, in accordance with paragraph 8(a) of the decision, Belarus is requested to submit to the Convention's Compliance Committee its second progress report by **1 October 2019** on the measures it has by that date taken, and the results achieved, to implement the recommendations in paragraphs 3(a)(i)-(ii), (b)(i)-(iii), c(i)-(v), (d), (e), 6(a)-(c) of the decision.

I also would like to draw to your attention that all measures to implement decision VI/8c must be taken and reported on by no later than **1 October 2020** in order to be considered by the Committee in its report on decision VI/8i to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties.

I can inform you that, should Belarus demonstrate to the Committee that it has fully met the requirements of the decision VI/8c by the time of its final progress report due on 1 October 2020, the Committee will report that fact to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties. There would then be no need for a further decision on those points to be adopted at the seventh session.

His Excellency
Mr. Vladimir Makei
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus
Minsk

Mindful that the implementation of decision VI/8c requires the close cooperation of several relevant authorities, in particular, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Justice, I invite you to convey a copy of this letter to the respective Ministries accordingly.

On behalf of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), I would like to thank Belarus for its ongoing support to the activities of the Aarhus Convention and express the willingness of the secretariat to work with the Government of Belarus in meeting its obligations under the Convention. Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (aarhus.compliance@un.org) if you require any further information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Enclosure

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