

9 March 2020

Ref: ECE/ENV/2020/53

Dear Mr. Pirshtuk,

Re: Decision VI/8c concerning compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention

Please find **enclosed** the Committee's second progress review on the implementation of decision VI/8c concerning compliance by Belarus. The Committee's second progress review examines the progress made by Belarus to implement decision VI/8c to date, based on Belarus's second progress report and other information provided by Belarus, as well as the comments received from the communicant of communication ACCC/C/2014/102.

The Committee looks forward to the participation of Belarus in the open session on decision VI/8c to be held on Friday, 13 March 2020, during the Committee's upcoming sixty-sixth meeting (Geneva, 9-11 March 2020). The open session will provide an opportunity for the Party concerned, communicants and observers to discuss with the Committee any questions or comments they may have on the second progress review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,

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Cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

European ECO Forum, representing the communicants of communications

ACCC/C/2009/37 and ACCC/C/2009/44

Public Association "Ecohome", communicant of communication ACCC/C/2014/102

Enc: Committee's second progress review on the implementation of decision VI/8c concerning compliance by Belarus