

Annex 2

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About the provision of information

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter - the Ministry of Natural Resources) considered the application of the Ecohome NGO on the provision of copies of letters sent to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter - the Ministry of Internal Affairs) dated March 1, 2020 №3-2-34/944 and March 17, 2020, №3-2-34/1271 and reports the following.

Request of Ecohome NGO on March 25, 2020 №25 on the provision of environmental information relates to documents that relate to the internal office work of the Ministry of Natural Resources and, in addition to environmental information, contain confidential information.

Guided by the norms of Articles 74-2 of the Law of the Republic of Belarus of November 26, 1992, №1982-XII "On environmental protection" the Ministry of Natural Resources provides, without prejudice to confidentiality, the information contained in the letters on the issue of taking measures to implement the recommendations of Decision VI/8c "Compliance of Belarus of its obligations under the Convention."

Thus, the letter of the Ministry of Natural Resources to the Ministry of Internal Affairs dated March 1, 2020, №3-2-34/944 contains a request to coordinate the possibility of inclusion in the continuing education programs for law enforcement officers at the Academy of Management of the Republic of Belarus and the educational institution "Center for Advanced Training of Leading Workers and Specialists of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus" lectures on the obligations of the Republic of Belarus under the Aarhus Convention, as well as the distribution of information materials on the topics related to the Aarhus Convention at the education institutions and territorial divisions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. In their reply letter dated March 20, 2020, №6/5/8984 the Ministry of Internal Affairs informed the Ministry of Natural Resources that in the 2020-2021 academic year, programs aimed at studying the obligations assumed by the Republic of Belarus in the framework of the Aarhus Convention will be included in continuing education programs for students of educational institutions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. In addition, an agreement between the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Internal Affairs on the distribution of information materials of the indicated topic in the libraries of educational institutions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and bringing them to the attention of employees of internal affairs bodies was reached.

Regarding the letter of the Ministry of Natural Resources to the Ministry of Internal Affairs dated

March 17, 2020, №3-2-34/1271, we inform you that in this letter the Ministry informed the Ministry of Internal Affairs that in 2019-20 the Compliance Committee prepared and sent to the Republic of Belarus the First and Second progress report of the implementation of Decision VI/8c on compliance by our country with obligations under the Aarhus Convention, including recommendations from the ACCC/C/2014/102 case. In this letter, the Ministry of Natural Resources expressed the possibility of re-examining the circumstances that served as the basis for the expulsion of A. Ozharovsky from the Republic of Belarus. A response letter from the Department of Migration and Citizenship of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (hereinafter — the Department) dated April 3, 2020, №40/1/10423 was received and includes the information that the entry ban into the Republic of Belarus for Andrei Vyacheslavovich Ozharovsky, a citizen of the Russian Federation, has been shortened until May 1, 2020.

In addition, we inform that the Ministry of Natural Resources will continue to work on departmental cooperation to implement the recommendations of Decision VI/8c on compliance with its obligations by the Republic of Belarus.

First Deputy Minister

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