



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT



GENERAL SECRETARY CABINET

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To: Mr. Jonas Ebbesson, Chair of the Compliance Committee

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Dear Sir, dear Madam,

Further to the audio conference/open session we had on Decision VI/8h concerning Romania which took place on 15th of March 2018, and taking into consideration the information received from Ms Elena Dumitru, Minister Plenipotentiary - Environmental Affairs within the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations Office in Geneva who took part in person in the above mentioned meeting, we have the pleasure to inform you on the following actions that have been taken by the Ministry of Environment:

1. Modification of the web page of the Ministry of Environment, new tab called "Access to Environmental Information" was included.

Under this tab everybody has access to the following information:

- Aarhus Convention in English and Romanian;
- Directive 2003/4/CE - English and Romanian;
- GD no.878/2005 on public access to environmental information;
- The Maastricht Recommendations on Promoting Effective Public Participation in Decision Making in Environmental Matters in English;
- Aarhus Convention - an Implementation Guide in English;
- Findings and Recommendations of CC with regard to communication ACCC/C/2010/51 in English;
- Findings and Recommendations of CC with regard to communication ACCC/C/2012/69 in English.

The translation in Romanian of the implementation guide of the Aarhus Convention has been done and is now under revision, it will be posted on the web site as soon as possible.

The link where this information can be accessed is: <http://www.mmediu.ro/categorie/accesul-la-informatia-de-mediu/242>.

2. A statistical situation of the registry held by the authorities in case of a reasoned refusal to a request from the public.

In order to elaborate such a statistics we have asked all the public authorities represented within the Romanian Government, by letter signed by the Romanian Minister of Environment to fill in an Excel Table/questionnaire elaborated on purpose. The answers received are attached to this letter.

3. On 10th of May 2018 a round table meeting on Aarhus Convention issues took place at the headquarters of the Ministry of Environment. The meeting was opened by the Mr. Teodor Dulceata, General Secretary of the ministry, who underlined the importance of the Convention, the adopted decisions by the last MOP in Budva and the necessity to work for fulfilment of the tasks resulted from the Decision VI/8h.

The round table meeting was moderated by Ms. Dorina Mocanu, General Director and NFP for the Aarhus Convention.

The first presentation was performed by Ms. Doina Doroftei. She represented the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she spoke about the importance of the Aarhus Convention as an international treaty, the 3 pillars of the Convention, the obligations of Romania as they derive from the text of the Convention.

The second presentation was performed by Ms. Daniela Pineta, representing the Ministry of Environment. She presented Decision VI/8h, the definition of the environmental information, the findings of the Compliance Committee for cases ACCC/C/2010/51 and ACCC/C/2012/69, the argumentation of the CC based on the definition promoted by the Convention, the relevance of certain articles within the cases in question and finished by a brainstorming session on how/what to be done in order to comply with the decision. The audience was interested to hear the cases, committed to disseminate the subject within their own institution and to analyze possible ways of implementation.

The meeting was attended by the following authorities: Ministry of Foreign Affaires, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Health, National Institute for Public Health, Ministry of Economy, Community Services of Public Utilities, Ministry of Waters and Forests, National Agency for Mineral Resources, Ministry of Energy, Small and Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Ministry of Transport, Nuclear Agency and for Radioactive Wastes, National Commission for Nuclear Activity Control.

We attach to the present letter the list of participants, the Agenda and the presentations, all documents in Romanian. Translations in English of these documents, if needed, can be sent at a further date.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation regarding the work done by the Compliance Committee and its willingness to cooperate and help for achiving a correct implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Romania.

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