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Decision VI/8 on general issues of compliance

The Meeting of the Parties,

Having regard to its decision I/7 on the review of compliance, and in particular to paragraph 37 of the annex thereto,

Having regard also to decision V/9 on general issues of compliance and decisions V/9a, V/9b, V/9c, V/9d, V/9e, V/9f, V/9g, V/9h, V/9i, V/9j, V/9k, V/9l, V/9m and V/9n on compliance by individual Parties with their obligations under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention),

Noting with appreciation the reports by the Committee to the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties and taking note of the Committee's reports on its meetings during the intersessional period,

Noting with appreciation also the findings and recommendations adopted by the Committee during the intersessional period;

Recalling decisions VI/8a, VI/8b, VI/8c, VI/8d, VI/8e, VI/8g, VI/8h, VI/8i, VI/8j and VI/8k, concerning compliance by Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czechia, Kazakhstan, Romania, Slovakia, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, adopted in parallel with this decision,

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3. *Urges* those Parties found to be in non-compliance to take measures to bring their legislation or practice into compliance with the Convention as soon as possible once specific problems with compliance have been identified, with a view to already bringing about full compliance with the relevant provisions in the intersessional period, where possible and where the Party concerned has agreed that the Committee may make recommendations to them directly;

* The full text of addendum to the report of the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PP/2017/2/Add.1) is available in English, French and Russian from http://www.unece.org/env/pp/aarhus/mop6_docs.html#.

4. *Appreciates* that recommendations, advice and expert assistance from the Committee to the Parties concerned in the intersessional period represents an effective means to facilitate Parties' compliance;

5. *Urges* each Party to cooperate in a constructive manner with the Committee in connection with any review of its compliance;

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Implementation of decisions on compliance by individual Parties

14. *Takes note* of the reports of the Committee on the implementation of decisions V/9a,¹ V/9b,² V/9c,³ V/9d,⁴ V/9e,⁵ V/9f,⁶ V/9g,⁷ V/9h,⁸ V/9i,⁹ V/9j,¹⁰ V/9k,¹¹ V/9l,¹² V/9m,¹³ and V/9n;¹⁴

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18. *Additionally welcomes* the constructive efforts made by Turkmenistan to address the recommendations made by the Meeting of the Parties through decision V/9l, while expressing its concern that the Party concerned failed to inform the Committee of the amendments to its Act of Public Associations adopted on 4 February 2017;

19. *Requests* the Committee, pursuant to paragraph 13 (b) of the annex to decision I/7, to review the compliance of Turkmenistan with article 3, paragraphs 1, 4 and 9, of the Convention in the light of the amendments to the Act of Public Associations of 4 February 2017 with respect to the possibilities for foreign citizens and persons without citizenship to found and participate in non-governmental organizations promoting environmental protection;

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¹ ECE/MP.PP/2017/33 (Armenia).
² ECE/MP.PP/2017/34 (Austria).
³ ECE/MP.PP/2017/35 (Belarus).
⁴ ECE/MP.PP/2017/36 (Bulgaria).
⁵ ECE/MP.PP/2017/37 (Croatia).
⁶ ECE/MP.PP/2017/38 (Czechia).
⁷ ECE/MP.PP/2017/39 (European Union).
⁸ ECE/MP.PP/2017/40 (Germany).
⁹ ECE/MP.PP/2017/41 (Kazakhstan).
¹⁰ ECE/MP.PP/2017/42 (Romania).
¹¹ ECE/MP.PP/2017/43 (Spain).
¹² ECE/MP.PP/2017/44 (Turkmenistan).
¹³ ECE/MP.PP/2017/45 (Ukraine).
¹⁴ ECE/MP.PP/2017/46 (United Kingdom).