

**5th 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)**

**2nd Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers
(Protocol on PRTRs)**

**30 June - 4 July 2014, Maastricht, Netherlands
High-level segment
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**Intervention by Mr. Mihail Făcă, Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment and
Climate Change of Romania**

Dear Ministers,
Dear Heads of Delegation,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to address this high-level session of the Fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention and Second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers with some issues of importance for the Government of Romania.

Before I begin let me thank the wonderful organizers who have made these meetings possible, the Government of the Netherlands, the City of Maastricht and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. I would like to particularly thank the inhabitants of Maastricht who have welcomed us among them at a time when news from the World Cup in Brazil attract everyone's attention.

The Government of Romania attaches great importance to compliance with the Convention. For this reason, it will address in good faith all incidents of non-compliance. The Compliance Committee plays an important role in this respect, and the Government welcomes its support for ensuring Romania's full compliance with the Aarhus Convention. The Romanian Government will continue to engage with the Committee, which it sees as an essential tool in the implementation of the Convention.

The Romanian authorities have adopted detailed measures for the implementation of the Convention, its GMO amendment, and of the Protocol, following their ratification in 2000, 2008 and 2009, respectively. With the assistance of the Compliance Committee, the task forces, the Working Party and the Meeting Parties, we will continue to refine all of these measures.

I would like to conclude my brief intervention here, expressing my hope that all Parties will find the power and willingness to face all challenges raised by the application of the Convention, including issues of non-compliance.

Thank for your attention!