



**Eighteenth meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention  
(Maastricht, 29 June 2014)**

**Agenda item 3(b) (iv): Promotion of the principles of the Convention in international forums**

Contribution by the EU and its Member States.

In order to make the provisions of the draft decision on promoting the application of the principles of the Convention in international forums more feasible and efficient, we request the amendment of the 8<sup>th</sup> paragraph as follow: “continue supporting the implementation of article 3, paragraph 7 of the convention” instead of the wording “allocate sufficient funds”. We believe that it should be left to Parties to decide how to provide this support, depending on existing circumstances. Our proposal does not prevent Parties and others from allocating funding if they want to.

Consequently, we reiterate our suggestion to delete the subparagraphs 8(a) to 8(c). The enumeration of these activities at national and international level and Convention’s work programme has not added value and limits the scope of the activities for the enhancement of public participation.

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