

**COMMENTS BY THE AARHUS CENTRE – DUSHANBE
ON THE AARHUS CONVENTION WORKPLAN 2012-2014**
(Summary of the comments provided in Russian¹)

Section I:

a) Compliance mechanism

- to increase the involvement of the Compliance Committee members in the seminars and workshops within the Aarhus Convention.

b) Reporting mechanism

- to provide capacity-building activities for the countries in accordance with their problems, challenges and needs as they are identified in the national reports.

Section II:

a) GMO

Exchanging of experience and capacity building activities should be the main priority in the Working Plan. Underlines the importance of the organization of the national and regional workshops within the Aarhus Convention and PRTR Protocol.

b) Access to Justice

The implementation of Article 9 of the Aarhus Convention remains challenging in the country. Therefore, the capacity-building activities and regional seminars for judiciary are necessary to include in the Working Plan.

d) EIT (par. 17, 18, 19). There are a number of the technical and financial difficulties with regard to this issue in the country. It is recommended to organize a number of special working meetings on this issue. Another proposal is supporting the development of national action plan. The Aarhus Secretariat might explore its possibilities to find the financial resources to support Aarhus Internet Centres (websites).

Section IV (par. 28)

- to support the establishment of the national and regional Aarhus centres.

¹ Informal translation from Russian