

Compliance Committee of Aarhus Convention

24th March, 2015

Statement of Ukraine under item “Review of any developments in relation to communications and requests (C87, Ukraine)”

Mr. Chairman,

Ukraine fully recognizes its commitments under Aarhus Convention and is taking all possible efforts in order to ensure submission of the requested information under the case on compliance of the project of construction of a biofuel and waste processing plant in the city of Donetsk with the provisions of the Convention.

Meanwhile, we would ask to take into account that initially provided period for response has coincided with tragic developments in Ukraine resulted in illegal and illegitimate self-declared annexation of the part of Ukraine’s territory – Crimea, as well as in deaths of hundreds of persons, including civilians, in the south-east of my country.

The above mentioned developments directly negatively affected the vital functions of the city of Donetsk, which infrastructure was significantly damaged by the actions of illegal armed groups. Moreover, the realization of practically all early planned infrastructural projects has been, obviously, suspended in Donetsk for force majeure reasons.

Because of that appropriate ensuring of the compliance procedures with the project of concern in the city of Donetsk is extremely complicated.

Summing up, Ukraine kindly requests the Committee Members to consider a possibility to postpone the consideration of the issue of Donetsk waste processing plant until the stabilization of the situation in the south-east of my country.

Thank you.