

## Recommendations of the Zhaik-Caspian Aarhus Centre

To the Supreme Court:

1. Adopt a new Resolution No. 16 of the Plenum of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the Application by Judges of Environmental Legislation that complies with the Environmental Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Aarhus Convention;
2. Recommend to *oblast* training centres that they more actively collaborate with Aarhus centres (invite experts from Aarhus centres to give lectures and jointly conduct various activities);
3. Identify a person responsible for implementing the Aarhus Convention in the courts (or in training centres).

To the Ministry of Environmental Protection:

4. Amend the Land Code to ensure public participation in the allocation of plots of land to projects;
5. Amend the Tax Code to allow state duties and court costs to be waived for environmental cases;
6. Extend the Rules on the Conduct of Public Hearings to cover the recording of public hearings and to define 'party concerned' more exactly;
7. Include projects relating to the implementation of the Aarhus Convention and monitoring of its implementation in a public-service tender.

To Aarhus centres:

8. Raise awareness of the parties concerned of how to use the Aarhus Convention;
9. Monitor implementation of the Aarhus Convention;
10. Together with the parties concerned, prepare proposals on how to improve public participation in decision-making;
11. Work with international organisations in order to include the implementation of the environmental rights of the population in programmes;
12. Conduct training seminars for all of the parties concerned.

To *Akimats* [local governments]:

13. Include the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in training for civil servants;
14. Actively cooperate with Aarhus centres.