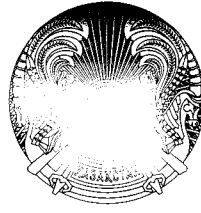


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**The Compliance Committee
of Aarhus Convention**

The Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Kazakhstan in addition to the letter September, 9 2013 year № 02-02-27/2822 regarding solution IV/9c about 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) sends the information according to the application.

Application: on 2 sheets.

Executive secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Dernovoy', is written over a horizontal line.

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**The additional information on measures taken to implement solutions
IV/9c on compliance by Kazakhstan with its obligations under the
Convention.**

In 2013, the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Republic of Kazakhstan initiated the development of the Concept of the draft law "On amendments and additions to some legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters" (further - the Concept).

The Concept of this draft law was approved on the meeting of the Interdepartmental Commission on legislative activities in this year in the 6 of September.

Concept introduces amendments and additions to the Environmental and Tax Codes of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Environmental Code offered some changes:

Article 159 contains adoption of a separate legal act establishing the list of publicly available environmental information in order to detail the information attributed to environmental information

Article 160 offered to consolidate the provisions on transfer of public authorities make environmental information to the State Fund for Environmental Information and competence of the Government to secure the approval of the order of transfer of this information

Article 161 include rules to ensure the concentration of all environmental information to the State Fund for Environmental Information

The Tax Code is proposed to provide the rate of the release of natural and legal persons from the payment of the state fee for claims:

- Not to provide correct environmental information;
- The cancellation of decisions of placement, construction, reconstruction and commissioning of enterprises, buildings and other environmentally hazardous facilities, as well as on the limitation and termination of business and other activities of individuals and entities that have a negative impact on the environment and human health.

In conformity with Concept was prepared a draft law "On amendments and additions to some legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters" (further - the Draft Law). In order to in order to discussion with the public the Draft Low was sent to non-governmental organizations in September by network.

Now, a working group on the Draft Law in the 44 experts, including representatives from government agencies and non-governmental organizations including regional as Aarhus centres, Ecological Society "Green Salvation" and Public Association "Ecoforum of NGO of Kazakhstan".

In October of 9, 2013 was held a round table about " Legal and regulatory aspects of the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Kazakhstan," which discussed the national report on the implementation of the Aarhus Convention , the Draft regulatory decisions of the Supreme Court "On some issues of the practice of law by the courts on disputes in the field of environment in civil cases , " the draft Law" on amendments and additions to some legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Access to Information, public Participation in Decision- making and Access to justice in Environmental Matters . "

The draft Law "On amendments and additions to some legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters" was modified, based on the comments and suggestions of participants of round table as well as National report on the implementation of the Aarhus Convention are available at <http://aarhus.kz> for further discussion with the public.

Moreover, on November 13 of this year to hold a meeting of the Working Group on the Draft law "On amendments and additions to some legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters "

Questions for discussion at the meeting of the Working Group:

1. Proposal additions and changes in Environmental Code, Civil Procedure, the Tax Act, Low of "Nongovernmental organizations";
2. The draft law "On amendments and additions to some legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters";
3. Proposals for strategic assessment, planning and implementation of environmental protection measures and the involvement of Non-Government Organizations in realization of them.

As well as was prepared Draft Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Ratification of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention of the UN 1998 Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters," which received a positive opinion scientific and legal expertise.

In the near future, the Project will focus on an agreement with the government and carry out scientific and linguistic expertise.