Aarhus Convention
Sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention
(Budva, Montenegro, 11 - 13 September 2017)

- Contribution by the EU and its Member States –

Agenda item 13: Any other business
Draft Closing statement by the European Union and its Member States

In the context of this closing statement, the European Union and its Member States would like to refer to a topic that has been highlighted to us and is a source of concern in the context of the Aarhus Convention.

We remain concerned about the information received from the NGOs on the current situation regarding environmental NGOs and activists in Belarus.

This said, we would like to thank the Government of Montenegro, you, Madame Chair, as well as the Aarhus Secretariat and all Parties and stakeholders for the collective effort to achieve a successful 6th session of the Meeting of the Parties. We reiterate our commitment to the principles and objectives of the Convention and we look forward to continuing our dialogue and constructive cooperation at the High Level Segment tomorrow and in the future.

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