Aarhus Convention
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- Contribution by the EU and its Member States -

Agenda item 10: Other Business (NGO allegations against Belarus)

The EU and its Member States are concerned about the report made by the NGOs on the current situation for NGOs and activists.

The EU Member States will consult with our Ministries of Foreign Affairs to look into this issue.

We ask the chair of the Aarhus Convention to write a letter to the authorities in Belarus to express the concern of the Working Group of the Parties and to remind them of the respective paragraphs in the Maastricht Declaration on the protection of Environmental Activists and the reference in the draft Budva Declaration on this topic.