

23 May 2018

Ms. Yelyzaveta Aleksyeyeva
Environment-People-Law
Lviv, Ukraine

Dear Ms Aleksyeyeva,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Ukraine in connection with the provisions of the Convention in connection with an oil production sharing agreement (ACCC/C/2014/118)

At its virtual meeting on 18 May 2018, the Committee took note of the response of the Party concerned to the above communication received on 24 April 2018 and agreed to ask the communicant to comment on the Party's response.

In that regard, the Committee would be grateful to receive your replies to the **enclosed** questions on or before **Wednesday, 13 June 2018**. Please send your replies to aarhus.compliance@unece.org, copying the Party concerned.

The Party concerned will have two weeks from the receipt of your answer to provide the Committee with any comments it wishes to make on your replies. The Committee will consider the information received by the above deadlines when deciding how to proceed with respect to the communication at its sixty-first meeting (Geneva, 2-6 July 2018).

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other international organizations in Geneva
Ms. Maryna Shimkus, National Focal Point to the Aarhus Convention, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine

Enc: Questions from the Committee to the communicant

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1. In the light of the stated withdrawal of Shell and Chevron, what aspects of the communication, if any, do you consider it would still be appropriate for the Committee to proceed to examine? Which aspects, if any, do you consider that it is no longer necessary for the Committee to examine? In your reply to each question, please refer to specific paragraphs of the communication.
 2. In addition, please comment on the following aspects of the Party's response:
 - (a) The submission that, following the withdrawal of Shell and Chevron, the mining of shale gas at the Yuzivska field will not proceed;
 - (b) The assertion that following the adoption of the new EIA law in 2017, draft production sharing agreements will now be subject to access to information and public participation meeting the requirements of the Convention.
 3. Please provide any other comments you may have on the Party's response.
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