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Statement from the Communicant on the implementation of decision V/9m (Ukraine)

Chair and members of the Committee,

Environment-People-Law (EPL) welcomes the Ministry of Ecology's efforts in promoting the enactment of the EIA Law. Indeed, a lot of work both on the side of the Ministry and NGOs was done to get that law through the Parliament. Regretfully, because of the President's veto, the enactment of the EIA law or any other law for that matter has not been finalized. Thus, Ukraine still remains in the state of non-compliance.

The Ministry today assures that the Law on EIA will be reconsidered in the Parliament by the end of March. Yet, there is no guarantee that the law will be passed, that its text will remain in compliance with the Convention, and that the President will sign it this time.

Since 2004, when this case was brought to the CC, we have heard a lot of commitments and requests for more time from the Government of Ukraine, but no real steps toward compliance have been made over these years.

In this situation and in the light of the long-standing nature of Ukraine's non-compliance, EPL requests the CC to recommend to the forthcoming Meeting of the Parties to take all the effective measures it deems appropriate to foster the compliance by Ukraine including suspension of the special rights and privileges accorded to Ukraine under the Convention, if necessary.

Best regards,

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