

**To: The secretariat of the Convention  
on Access to Information, Public  
Participation in Decision-making and  
Access to Justice in Environmental  
Matters**

*Subject: consideration of laws*

The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters and has the honor to inform the following.

October 4, 2016 the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted the Law of Ukraine "On Environmental Impact Assessment" and the Law of Ukraine "On strategic environmental assessment" (hereinafter - the Laws).

However, October 31, 2016 The President of Ukraine put veto on both laws. One of the proposals for legislation submitted by the President of Ukraine stated that procedure is not perfect because it does not take proper account of public comments in course of the strategic environmental assessment.

In connection with the above, we kindly ask the secretariat assess laws for compliance with the Convention as soon as possible.

The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine would like to take this opportunity to renew to the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters the assurance of its highest consideration.

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