

**Measures taken to incorporate the comments of Decision VI / 8g.**

№	Compliance Committee comments	Measures taken
1.	<p>a) ensure that the mandatory requirements for the content of the public notice, as provided for in paragraph 2 of Article 6 of the Convention;</p>	<p>Article 57-2 of the Environmental Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan establishes that the local executive bodies, <b><u>twenty days before</u></b> the public hearing, <b><u>provide open access to environmental information</u></b> related to the procedure for assessing the environmental impact of planned economic and other activities and the decision-making process for these activities through the Internet resource, as well as using <b><u>other means of informing</u></b>.</p> <p>The Rules for conducting public hearings stipulate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a special section “Public Hearings” is created on the Internet resource of the local executive body in the form in accordance with Appendix 1 to these Rules;</li> </ul> <p>To conduct public hearings in the form of open meetings, the customer publishes an announcement in the media about holding public hearings in the form of open meetings in the Kazakh and Russian languages <b><u>no later than twenty working days</u></b> before the public hearing.</p> <p>The period for conducting public hearings in the form of a survey is <b><u>at least 20 working days</u></b>.</p> <p>The customer pre-negotiates with the local executive body the time and place of the public hearing, a preliminary list of the public, concerned and justifies the most effective ways of informing it (media announcements, newsletters, stands, written communications).</p> <p>The local executive body shall coordinate the list of interested public, the method of informing, the time and place of the public hearing, determine the person responsible for the public hearing.</p> <p>The customer <b><u>submits an announcement about the public hearings, project documentation</u></b> for posting on the Internet resource of the local executive body.</p> <p>Twenty days before the public hearings, local executive bodies shall provide open access to environmental information related to the environmental impact assessment procedure of the planned economic and other activities and the decision-making process for these activities through an Internet resource, as well as using other means of informing.</p>
2.	<p>b) to establish a clear and consistent requirement regarding the content of the public, so that all information regarding the decision-making</p>	<p>In accordance with the Rules for holding public hearings, public hearings are held:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) in the form of open meetings of the public concerned on economic activities;</li> <li>2) in the form of a survey to take into account the opinions of the public concerned for objects of categories III and IV.</li> </ol> <p>For public hearings, the customer publishes an announcement in the media about the public</p>

	<p>process is available to the public in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article 6 of the Convention;</p>	<p>hearings indicating the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>date, time and place of the public hearing;</li> <li>name of the local executive body and contact details of the person responsible for organizing public hearings;</li> <li>e-mail address of the local executive body where comments and suggestions are received;</li> <li>The address of the Internet resource of the local executive body where the project documentation is posted;</li> <li>the address of the place where members of the public can familiarize themselves with the paper materials of the projects;</li> <li>the name of the state body for the state environmental review;</li> <li>name and contact details of the customer;</li> <li>the address of the customer's Internet resource or email, where comments and suggestions are accepted;</li> <li>name and contact details of the documentation developer.</li> </ul>
3.	<p>c) to ensure that, in accordance with article 6, paragraph 7, of the Convention, the submission of comments by the public is not limited to "reasonable" comments;</p>	<p>The results of public hearings are recorded in the protocol, in the form specified in Appendix 3 to these Rules. The protocol is drawn up taking into account the opinions of persons who participated in public hearings, as well as those accepted through the Internet resource or using other means of informing, comments and suggestions. The Protocol reflects comments and suggestions from the public concerned relating to the project of the customer, and the position of the customer regarding each comment and proposal, as well as information about the possibility of appealing the decision. The protocol is signed by the chairman and secretary of the public hearing and is posted on the Internet resource of the local executive body no later than seven working days after the public hearing.</p>
4.	<p>d) to create appropriate procedures, which are not limited to publishing decisions only on websites, promptly notifying the public of environmental expertise, and also to facilitate public access in accordance with Article 6, paragraph 9, of the Convention;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At the legislative level (Article 57), the obligation has been introduced to publish the conclusion of the state environmental review on the Internet resource of the Local Executive Authorities within five working days after its receipt by the nature user.</li> <li>2. The Rules for conducting public hearings (approved by Order of the Minister of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated May 7, 2007 No. 135-p.) stipulate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the results of public hearings are recorded in the protocol, which is posted on the Internet resource of the local executive body no later than seven working days after the public hearing.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
5.	<p>e) for storage and provision to the public through publicly</p>	<p>In accordance with paragraph 27 of the Rules for holding public hearings, the Responsible person of the local executive body together with the customer draw up the Protocol on holding</p>

	<p>available lists or registers of copies of decisions taken, together with other information relevant to the decision-making process, including data confirming compliance with the obligation to inform the public and allowing it to submit comments</p>	<p>public hearings in the form of a survey, in the form specified in Appendix 4 of these Rules. The Protocol reflects comments and (or) proposals from the interested public and the position of the customer regarding each comment and (or) proposal, as well as information about the possibility of appealing the decision.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>appropriate practical and / or other measures have been taken to ensure public participation in the preparation of plans related to the scope of Article 7 of the Convention, including clear requirements to ensure that: i) the necessary information is brought to the attention of the public; ii) the public that may be involved in the process is determined by the relevant public authority; (iii) The requirements of paragraphs 3, 4 and 8 of Article 6 of the Convention were complied with</p>	<p>Work on the development of the Environmental Code's new edition are currently under way. Public participation in decision-making at an early stage, in the process of preparing plans and programs related to the environment will be taken into account.</p>