



Statements on behalf of OEKOBÜERO and GLOBAL 2000; ACCC meeting March 2020

13 March 2020, Decision VI/8i (Slovakia)

The communicants have not submitted a statement on the Party's second progress report, as they have already raised their concerns regarding recent legislative developments in Slovakia in a letter to the Committee in June 2019.

As a general remark we would like to question why the Regulatory Nuclear Authority (UJD) submits the progress reviews to the Compliance Committee. We assume that the focal point for the Aarhus Convention is allocated to the Ministry for Environment. For this reason we consider that the **Ministry should be the authority responsible for submitting the progress report.**

Our main concern is that the grounds for refusal of information seem quite vague. Therefore, although the authority may disclose some data, the authority has a **large scope of interpretation to classify information as sensitive.** This also concerns the classification of postal and telecommunications secrets. We would therefore like to ask the Party **what is actually considered to fall under the definition of "postal and telecommunications secret".**