

ECO FORUM STATEMENTS:

Under agenda item 2 (b)

European ECO Forum welcomes draft decision on non-compliance by Ukraine and Armenia. We regret that public trigger is not specifically mentioned in the Rules of Procedures to be adopted.

We note that the IC was aware of the Danube issue much earlier and could have taken a decision on that if it had accepted NGO communication to it in 2003.

We propose that decision IV/2 includes a request on Ukraine/Armenia to report to the next MOP, through IC, instead of requesting the IC to report on implementation of the decision.

We cannot support provision saying that a private consultant will be hired by IC and paid from the Convention budget to provide assistance to countries. This should be done by the IC itself.

Under agenda item 2(f)

We urge the countries, especially EECCA region, to ratify the SEA protocol.