

## **MOP-5**

### **5. Procedures and mechanisms facilitating the implementation of the Convention**

#### **(b) Compliance mechanism**

##### **Compliance by Belarus**

##### **Statement by Ecohome, NGO, Belarus**

Thank you Chairman, for the floor. From name of Belarus NGO Ecohome I would state, that

We are very unhappy with the Decision on Belarus. In our opinion, it is just a reiteration of the same recommendations, which have been provided to Belarus before. We suggest issuing a conditional caution for Belarus, because that would be in line with the previous practice of the Aarhus MOP. Ukraine and Turkmenistan got a deferred caution in similar situations.

Meanwhile, we do not see any progress in practice, because Belarus is still violating the Convention by continuing the construction of the Nuclear Power Plant while ignoring the Committee's recommendations.

That's why we suggest strengthening the decision by adding the following wording:

To para 6: "Decides to issue a caution to the Government of Belarus, to become effective on 1 July 2016, unless the Government of Belarus has fully satisfied the conditions set out in subparagraphs from (a) to (i) below and has notified the Secretariat of this fact by 1 May 2016. The successful fulfillment of the conditions is to be established by the Committee:

(a) ...."

To para 7: "Take appropriate practical steps to ensure effective public participation in decisions related to Nuclear Power Plant construction in Belarus, including when revising the decisions already taken in non-compliance with the Convention".

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