



## **REC Statement at the MoP-5**

### **Agenda item 4 (c) Access to justice**

The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) expresses appreciation for the work of the Task Force, the Task Force Chair and Sweden for the support to the Task Force, and voices support for the draft decision V/3 on promoting effective access to justice. Recognising the challenges in implementing this pillar, the REC draws special attention to the need for further progress, as well as the increased involvement of and cooperation among representatives of ministries of environment and ministries of justice, the judiciary, judicial training institutions and NGOs. Joint national level efforts are required to understand the barriers of access to justice and propose possible actions for reducing and eliminating them. Contributions of the REC to the Task Force through complementary work of the REC with the support of the Austrian Development Cooperation through the Austrian Development Agency and the Federal Ministry of Germany and the Swedish international Development Cooperation Agency will continue.