



## Written statements to 24th meeting of the Aarhus Convention Working Group of the Parties (1-3 July 2020, virtual)

Respectable partners, ladies and gentlemen's,

Regarding the topic of this session, public participation in decision-making, I would like to inform you that in North Macedonia we still encounter disrespect for access to information and non-participation of the public in decision-making processes. Namely, after the struggle of the local population from the eastern part of the country against the mining license of Ilovica, the government last July terminated the contract for obtaining a mining license at the Ilovica mine. The company sued and the second-instance commission for deciding in administrative proceedings rejected the appeal of the company "Euromax Resources" filed after the Government's decision in July last year to reject the request for exploitation of metallic mineral resources in the concession area of Ograzden Mountain.

Now, the Administrative court made a decision allowing the company to continue operating the Ilovica mine during a **state of emergency when the courts were closed**. The decision was made, but activists and citizens found out about it from Canadian websites. It was only after the reaction of the activists and the government, which by the way claims that she was not familiar with the decision of the administrative court, that they announced the Decision ...

What should we do when decisions are made during a state of emergency and when citizens are forced to be locked up at home? This is one of example of non-implementation of the Aarhus Convention!

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