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EU + MS comments
on the Draft Strategic Plan for 2022–2030 in follow-up to the 24th meeting of the
Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (WGP 24)

The EU and its Member States took note of the discussion during the Working Group meeting on the Draft Strategic Plan. In follow-up to this discussion and in order to facilitate the preparation of the draft for the next Working Group in spring, we would like to present the following comments.

The EU and its Member States thank Norway for its proposal regarding Objective I.2, National, Indicative types of activity/measures, 2nd paragraph. We agree that the text could be amended to read as Norway proposes:

*"To ensure that compliance issues are addressed without delay, individual Parties **shall do their utmost to**, as far as possible, promptly and fully implement the Committee's findings and recommendations prior to the next session of the Meeting of the Parties, **where the Party concerned has agreed that the Committee may make recommendations to them directly.**"*

With regard to Objective I.2 National, Indicators of progress/targets, 3rd paragraph: We no longer see a reason to maintain our proposed amendments to this paragraph, as the proposed amendment to Objective I.2, National, Indicative types of activity/measures, 2nd paragraph addresses our concerns sufficiently.

With regard to Objective I.2 International, Indicators of progress/targets, 1st paragraph, we can agree with the following text as proposed by Norway:

"Adoption of the findings and recommendations by the Compliance Committee, and

endorsement by the Meeting of the Parties of the Compliance Committee's findings and recommendations and adoption by the Meeting of the Parties of draft decisions on compliance endorsing those findings and recommendations in accordance with the long-standing and consistent practice to do so."
