

Aarhus Convention
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– Contribution by the EU and its Member States –

Agenda item 9(e): Draft note on a rapid response mechanism to deal with cases related to article 3 (8) of the Aarhus Convention

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Bureau for the Draft note on a rapid response mechanism to deal with cases related to article 3 (8) of the Aarhus Convention (ECE/MP.PP/WG.1/2021/12).

We would like to acknowledge the work done by the UNECE Secretariat and the Bureau on this matter, and specially thank the effort to answer our questions and requests to clarification, namely the ‘Explanatory note regarding comments by EU and its Member States’ (AC/WGP-25/Inf.4).

The EU and its Member States confirm their preference for a Rapporteur on environmental defenders, being flexible regarding ‘Special Rapporteur’ instead of just Rapporteur.