

Observer statement concerning Slovakia's implementation of the UNECE decision VI/8i.

Dear sir or madam,

we would like to provide you with an update to section II. *New reason for declaring documents as confidential according to the Atomic act - the "intellectual property"* of our observer statement concerning Slovakia's implementation of the UNECE decision VI/8i from 30 May 2021.

In our statement from 30 May 2021 we informed about the amendment of the Atomic act proposed by two coalition MPs (Mrs. Zemanová and Mr. Kazda) on 26 February 2021 and withdrawn on 16 March 2021. On 1 June 2021 we found out that on 28 May 2021 a de facto identical amendment had been proposed again¹, this time by four coalition MPs (Mr. Kazda, Mr. Šíbl, Mr. Lehotský and Mr. Krajčír) who represent all four government parties. There are only a few minor stylistic differences between the two proposals. Therefore we would like to raise objections expressed in sections II.1 and II.2 of our statement from 30 May 2021 to the second proposal from 28 May 2021 as well. The introduction of a new option for declaring documents as confidential ("*intellectual property*") is particularly relevant to the UNECE decision VI/8i (see sec. II.2 of our statement from 30 May 2021).

Written on 2 June 2021.

Kind regards,

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¹ available at (in Slovak): <https://www.nrsr.sk/web/Default.aspx?sid=zakony/zakon&MasterID=8289>