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Action Plan for the Implementation of the Decision VI/8c of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (hereinafter – the Aarhus Convention) for 2020

| No. | Activities   | Organizations responsible for the implementation                                      | Time frame   |
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| 1.  | Creation and maintenance of the working group for the preparation of the national report on the implementation of the Aarhus Convention, as well as final report on the implementation by Belarus of the decision VI/8c of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus | May, organization of meetings as needed, but at least once a quarter |
| 2.  | Preparation of draft amendments and additions to national legislation aimed at implementation of the decision VI/8c:<br>a) Law of the Republic of Belarus of 26 November 1992 No. 1982-XII "On Environmental Protection";  | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus | June   |

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|    | <p>b) Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of 14 June 2016 No. 458 "On Approval of the Regulation on the Procedure of Organizing and Conducting Public Discussions of the Projects of Environmentally Significant Decisions, Environmental Reports on Strategic Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment Reports, Considering the Environmentally Significant Decisions and Amendments and Additions to Some Resolutions of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus" (hereinafter – the Regulation on Public Discussions);</p> <p>c) Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of 29 October 2010 No. 1592 "On Approval of the Regulation on the Procedure for Conducting Public Environmental Expertise"</p> |  | <p>July</p> <p>July</p>         |
| 3. | <p>Consultations with the Arhus Convention Compliance Committee and international experts on the implementation of the recommendations of the decision VI/8c</p>  | <p>Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus<br/>Arhus Centre of the Republic of Belarus</p> | <p>As required</p>              |
| 4. | <p>Conducting consultations with the public by making the information available on the Internet, discussions with the members of the public Environmental Coordination Council under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus and public associations in the preparation of draft amendments and additions to the legislation aimed at implementation the decision VI/8c</p>   | <p>Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus</p>   | <p>As projects are prepared</p> |

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| 5. | Conducting public discussions on draft amendments and additions to the legislation aimed at implementing the decision VI/8c  | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus | In accordance with the law |
| 6. | Consultations with local executive and administrative bodies in order to analyze the law enforcement practice in regulating public participation in environmental decision-making process  | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus | April-July                 |
| 7. | Analysis of law enforcement practice related to the Regulation on Public Discussions by local executive and administrative bodies. Preparation of advisory recommendations based on the results of the analysis in order to improve the law enforcement practice of the Regulation on Public Discussions by local executive and administrative bodies  | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus | April-June                 |
| 8. | Preparation and distribution of information materials, written explanations on the organization and conduct of public discussions on projects of environmentally significant decisions, environmental reports on the strategic environmental assessment, environmental impact assessment reports (after the approval of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus on amendments to the Regulations on Public Discussions)  | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus | September                  |
| 9. | Dissemination of the findings and recommendations of the Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention and other relevant information materials, including materials related to the Communication ACCC/C/2014/102, in the system of the bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, the State Security Committee of the Republic of Belarus, judicial authorities, in order to inform them and take action within the framework of national legislation | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus | In the course of year      |

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| 10. | Development of a training programme, information materials on issues related to the Article 3 (8) of the Aarhus Convention for representatives of the internal affairs and state security bodies   | Aarhus Centre of the Republic of Belarus  | May                   |
| 11. | Development of a training programme, information materials on issues related to the Article 3 (8) of the Aarhus Convention for representatives of the judicial authorities   | Aarhus Centre of the Union of Lawyers (in concurrence)  | June                  |
| 12. | Equipping libraries of educational institutions and territorial bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus with information materials on compliance with the provisions of the Aarhus Convention, including ensuring compliance with Article 3 (8) of the Aarhus Convention | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus                 | June-August           |
| 13. | Conducting public consultations during the development of training programmes on issues related to the Article 3 (8) of the Aarhus Convention for representatives of the internal affairs, state security bodies and judicial authorities  | Aarhus Centres  | May                   |
| 14. | Conducting educational events (lectures, presentations) in educational institutions on issues related to the Article 3 (8) of the Aarhus Convention for representatives of internal affairs and state security bodies  | Aarhus Centres, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus | In the course of year |
| 15. | Conducting educational events (lectures) on issues related to the Article 3 (8) of the Aarhus Convention for representatives of judicial authorities   | Aarhus Centres, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus | In the course of year |
| 16. | Conducting educational events, training webinars, round tables, video lectures on the Aarhus Convention for general public   | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus, Aarhus Centres | In the course of year |

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| 17. | Preparation and submission to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee of additional information on progress in the implementation of decision VI/8c with the documentation specified in paragraphs 84-85 of the second progress review of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee on the implementation of decision VI/8c on compliance of the Republic of Belarus with its obligations under the Convention | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus                 | When required         |
| 18. | Submitting the draft amendments and additions to the legislation aimed at the implementation of decision VI/8c to the subject with the right of legislative initiative   | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus                 | 3 quarter             |
| 19. | Conducting consultations on compliance with the Aarhus Convention with members of the Environmental Coordination Council under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus   | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus                 | In the course of year |
| 20. | Preparation and sending of information letters aimed at preventing non-compliance with the provisions of the Aarhus Convention to government bodies concerned (Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Belarus and others), the Supreme Court of the Republic of Belarus, local executive and regulatory bodies                               | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus, Aarhus Centres | When required         |
| 21. | Preparation and submission to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee of the third progress report on the implementation of decision VI/8c  | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus, Aarhus Centres | September             |