

5 July 2021

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Dear Mr. Pirshtuk,

## Re: Decision VI/8c concerning compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention

I write to inform you that on 4 July 2021 the Compliance Committee agreed its draft report to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties on the progress by the Party concerned to implement decision VI/8c concerning compliance by Belarus.

The draft report is now forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration and possible comments pursuant to paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/7. You are invited to provide any comments on the Committee's draft report by **Monday, 19 July 2021**.

After taking into account the comments received on the draft report by the above deadline, the Committee will finalize and adopt the report and submit it to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties (Geneva, 18-20 October 2021).

The Committee looks forward to the participation of Belarus in the open session on decision VI/8c to be held this coming Friday, 9 July 2021, during the Committee's upcoming seventy-first meeting (Geneva online, 7-9 July 2021). The open session will provide an opportunity for the Party concerned, communicants and observers to discuss with the Committee any questions or comments they may have on the Committee's draft report on decision VI/8c.

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Should you have any questions with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

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Cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
 European ECO Forum, representing the communicants of communications ACCC/C/2009/37 and ACCC/C/2009/44
 Public Association "Ecohome", communicant of communication ACCC/C/2014/102
 Greenpeace, observer
 Nuclear Transparency Watch, observer
 WISE International, observer
 "Movement against the Astravyets NPP, observer

Enc: Committee's draft report to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties on the implementation of decision VI/8c concerning compliance by Belarus