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14/07/2021 No. 06-12/308      To the Board of the Public Association  
To No. \_\_\_\_\_                      "Ecohome"

50B-6H Zakharava str.,  
220088, Minsk

On sending a copy of the order  
on a Written Caution

We are sending a copy of order No. 158 of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Belarus dated 13 July 2021 on issuing a Written Caution to the Public Association "Ecohome" for its execution.

Attachment: 3 pages in 1 copy.

Head of the Administration  
on non-profit organisations issues

*[signature]*

E. O. Kirichenko

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ORDER

13/07/2021 No. 158

Minsk

On issuing a Written Caution  
to the Public Association "Ecohome"

Article 5 of the Law of the Republic of Belarus of 4 October 1994, No. 3254-XII "On Public Associations" (hereinafter referred to as the Law) establishes that Public Associations carry out their activities in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Belarus, this Law, other legislative acts, and on the basis of their articles of organisation.

A similar norm is also enshrined in subparagraph 1.1 of paragraph 1 of the articles of organisation of the Public Association "Ecohome" (hereinafter referred to as PA "Ecohome").

Article 24 of the Law stipulates that control over the compliance of the Public Associations' activities with the Constitution of the Republic of Belarus, other legislative acts, and their articles of organisation is carried out by the corresponding registering bodies. Officials of the relevant registering bodies, within the limits of their authority, have the right to participate in the events held for statutory purposes by Public Associations, request and receive information on issues of Public Associations' statutory activities, and examine their documents and decisions.

As part of these powers, on 22 June 2021, the Ministry of Justice requested from PA "Ecohome" information and documents on its activities.

According to PA "Ecohome" letter of 9 July 2021 No. 17, a number of documents have been submitted to the Ministry of Justice. Nevertheless, the

volume of the documents submitted by the PA “Ecohome” to the registering body does not correspond to the request.

Failure to submit all the documents requested by the registering body is a violation of the law and its own articles of organisation.

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According to Articles 9, 13, and 24 of the Law, a Public Association has a legal address (the location of the managing board) as an obligatory condition of the creation and operation of Public Associations.

The following documents are presented as the ones confirming the legal address of OO "Ecohome":

a photocopy of the agreement for the rent-free use of the premises, dated 1 January 2020, No. w/o number, according to which PA “Ecohome” is located at 50B-6H Zakharava street, in Minsk. The duration of the agreement is from 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2024;

the transfer and acceptance act of the premises dated 5 January 2020.

However, the documents regarding the owner of the premises and other papers confirming the right to locate PA “Ecohome” at the legal address were not submitted to the registering body, which is also a violation of the Law and its own articles of organisation.

The list of members of this Public Association, presented by OO "Ecohome", does not correspond to Appendix No. 2 to the Resolution of the Ministry of Justice, dated 30 August 2005, No. 48; since it does not contain the information about OO "Ecohome"'s members' date of birth, their place of residence, home phone numbers, their place of work or study, office telephone numbers, as well as the personal signatures of members of this Public Association.

Thus, it is impossible to establish that the activities and conditions of the membership of PA “Ecohome” meet the requirements provided for in part four of Article 8 of the Law and subparagraph 3.1 of paragraph 3 of the articles of organisation of this NGO.

The monitoring of PA "Ecohome's official website established that this Public Association carries out its activities in active collaboration with the

organisations unregistered in the Republic of Belarus that have features of a Public Association (a union or an association), such as the Belarusian National Youth Council "RADA", the Assembly of NGOs, the Belarusian National Platform of the Civil Society Forum, etc.

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Under Article 7 of the Law, the activity of unregistered Public Associations, unions (associations) on the territory of the Republic of Belarus is prohibited.

According to Article 26 of the Law, Public Associations can be prosecuted for violating the Constitution and the Law of the Republic of Belarus, and their articles of organisation.

Considering the above and following Articles 26 and 27 of the Law of the Republic of Belarus "On Public Associations", I HEREBY ORDER:

1. Issue a Written Caution to PA "Ecohome".
2. To oblige the Board of PA "Ecohome" to take a set of measures to eliminate the above-mentioned violations of the law, and inform the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Belarus about this no later than on 20 July 2021.
3. To warn the Board of PA "Ecohome" that if the violations specified in this order are not addressed, other measures of responsibility can be applied in relation to PA "Ecohome".
4. A copy of the order should be sent to PA "Ecohome" for its execution.

Deputy Minister

*[Signature]*

S. A. Kalinovsky