

Geneva Declaration on Environmental Democracy for Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Development

The UK would like to propose the following amendment to paragraph 18:

“18. We note that the ~~vast~~ majority of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention and to the Protocol ~~are involved in the~~ **engage with China’s** Belt and Road Initiative, ~~the transcontinental long-term policy and investment programme that aims at infrastructure development and acceleration of the economic integration of countries along the route of the historic Silk Road~~ **an economic and foreign policy and investment programme that aims to support regional cooperation and connectivity**. Putting safeguards in place through national legislation, international agreements and financial and compliance instruments is critical **to ensuring sustainable development**. We call on Parties to ensure that the obligations under both the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol are fully adhered to ~~in~~ **implementing when engaging with** the Belt and Road Initiative.”