

Item 8. Promotion of the Convention and relevant developments and interlinkages

(a) Accession to the Convention by States from outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region

Portugal aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU Commission on behalf of the EU and its Members States.

Furthermore, Portugal welcomes the delegation of Guinea-Bissau and the country's many efforts to further advance the environmental agenda, most recently with the accession to the UN Water Convention and now with the decision to join the Aarhus Convention.

We look forward to welcoming Guinea-Bissau as a full party to the Aarhus Convention.

Thank you