

Economic Commission for Europe

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Seventh session, including High-Level Segment

Geneva, 18–21 October 2021

Excerpt of list of key decisions and outcomes

*as adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session
(ECE/MP.PP/2021/CRP.9/Rev.1)**

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With regard to draft decision VII/8f concerning compliance by the European Union with its obligations under the Convention, the Meeting of the Parties agreed to include the following text in the report of its seventh session:

“In the spirit of reaching consensus, the Meeting of the Parties exceptionally decided, by consensus, to postpone the decision-making on the Committee’s findings and recommendations on communication ACCC/C/2015/128 (European Union) to the next ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties to be held in 2025. The Meeting of Parties stresses that this exceptional decision shall in no way establish a practice under the Convention. The Meeting of the Parties also requested the Committee to review any developments that have taken place regarding the matter, and to report to the Meeting of the Parties accordingly.”

In this context, the Party concerned stated that it reaffirms its commitment to implement its obligations under the Convention. In this regard, the Meeting of the Parties:

Took note of the statements by Norway, Switzerland and ECO Forum and of their requests to reflect their positions in the meeting report.

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* The full text of the list of key decisions and outcomes as adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session (ECE/MP.PP/2021/CRP.9/Rev.1) is available under the tab “In-session documents” at https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/Aarhus_Convention_MoP7