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Subject: Decision VII/8f (European Union) - Invitation to open session at Committee's 73rd meeting on

preparing the European Union's plan of action - next Tuesday, 14 December, 12.00-13.00 CET

Dear Ms. Belenyessy,

I hope that you are well.

As you may recall, under paragraph 11 (a) of decision VII/8f adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session, the European Union must submit a plan of action, including a time schedule, to the Committee by 1 July 2022 regarding the implementation of the recommendations in paragraphs 2, 8 and 10 of decision VII/8f.

The text of decision VII/8f, as adopted at the seventh session, is available online at: https://unece.org/env/pp/cc/decision-vii8f-concerning-european-union

Each of the Parties that are subject to a decision on compliance adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session must likewise prepare a plan of action by the same date. Following enquiries from several Parties as to what their plan of action should look like, the Compliance Committee has agreed to hold an open session **next Tuesday**, **14 December**, **from 12.00-13.00 CET**, during its seventy-third meeting, in order to provide guidance to Parties on the required content and format of their plans of action.

In addition to presentations by the Committee and secretariat to assist Parties to understand the format, content, and level of detail the required plan of action should include, there will also be opportunities for Parties to ask any questions and seek clarification from the Committee.

The representatives of the European Union who will be involved in preparation of the plan of action are thus strongly encouraged to take part in the session. Communicants and observers are also welcome to attend the session.

The session will be held in English, with interpretation in Russian and French provided. The provisional timeline for the Committee's seventy-third meeting is available at: https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Public-Participation/events/361661

I would be grateful if you would confirm **by noon CET this Friday, 10 December**, that the European Union will take part in the session.

In your email, please provide the names and email addresses of those who will take part. Participants will thereafter be provided with the Interprefy link to be able to join the open session next Tuesday.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know. We look forward to the European Union's participation in next Tuesday's open session.

With kind regards, Fiona



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