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Decision VII/8n concerning compliance by the Republic of Moldova with its obligations under the Convention

Adopted by the Meeting of Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters at its seventh session

The Meeting of the Parties,

Acting under paragraph 37 of the annex to its decision I/7 on the review of compliance,¹

Taking note of the findings of the Committee on communication ACCC/C/2017/147 concerning compliance by the Republic of Moldova in connection with access to hydrometeorological information upon request,²

Encouraged by the willingness of the Republic of Moldova to discuss in a constructive manner with the Committee the compliance issues in question,

1. *Endorses* the findings of the Committee that:

(a) By establishing and maintaining a schedule of charges that does not meet the requirement to ensure that any charge for supplying information does not exceed a reasonable amount, the Party concerned fails to comply with article 4 (8) of the Convention;

(b) By not establishing and maintaining a clear, transparent and consistent framework to implement article 4 (8) of the Convention, the Party concerned fails to comply with article 3 (1) of the Convention;

2. *Recommends* that the Party concerned:

(a) Take the necessary legislative, regulatory and other measures to establish a clear, transparent and consistent schedule of charges under article 4 (8) of the Convention for the supply of hydrometeorological information upon request, including by clearly setting out how any charges should be calculated, and to ensure that all charges, including total charges, are reasonable and properly justified;

* The full text of addendum to the report of the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PP/2021/2/Add.1) will, in due course, be available in English, French and Russian from https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/Aarhus_Convention_MoP7.

¹ ECE/MP.PP/2/Add.8.

² ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2021/30.

(b) Provide training to officials of public authorities handling requests for access to hydrometeorological information to ensure that any charges are no more than reasonable, that they are calculated in a clear, transparent and consistent way and are properly justified;

3. *Requests* the Party concerned to:

(a) Submit a plan of action, including a time schedule, to the Committee by 1 July 2022 regarding the implementation of the above recommendations;

(b) Provide detailed progress reports to the Committee by 1 October 2023 and 1 October 2024 on the measures taken and the results achieved in the implementation of the plan of action and the above recommendations;

(c) Provide such further information as the Committee may request in order to assist it to review the progress by the Party concerned in implementing the above recommendations;

(d) Participate (either in person or by virtual means) in the meetings of the Committee at which the progress of the Party concerned in implementing the above recommendations is to be considered;

4. *Undertakes* to review the situation at its eighth session.
