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**Subject:** ACCC/M/2021/4 (European Union) - Information note by the Committee and template for the plan of action

Dear Ms. Belenyessy,

As you will recall, in the spirit of reaching consensus, the Meeting of the Parties exceptionally decided 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. Through request ACCC/M/2021/4 (European Union), the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention 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 accordance with the Committee's procedure for follow-up during the current intersessional period, the European Union is invited by the Committee to submit a plan of action, including a time schedule, to the Committee by 1 July 2022 regarding the implementation of the recommendation in paragraph 131 of the Committee's findings on communication ACCC/C/2015/128 (European Union).

To assist Parties to prepare their plan of action, the Committee held an open session at its seventy-third meeting (online, 13-16 December 2021) to provide guidance and to answer any questions Parties may have had regarding the form and content of their plan of action.

After taking into account the comments and questions received at the open session at the 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the Committee has published its presentation in the form of an information note for Parties on preparing their plan of action. The Committee's information note is attached for your reference.

In addition, in the light of the questions received at the open session, the Committee has prepared a sample template to assist each Party concerned in preparing its plan of action. To this end, please find attached the Committee's template for the plan of action for request ACCC/M/2021/4 concerning the European Union. The template is intended to be used flexibly – for example, it may be that the description of the proposed measures and the outline of the steps to implement the recommendation will take further space than currently allotted in the template.

It is the Committee's hope that the information note and template will be of assistance to the Party concerned. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding either the information note or the template.

Kind regards,  
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