

3. Substantive issues: (c) Access to justice

Statement of the European Union and its Member States on access to justice

The EU and its Member States thank the chair of the Access to Justice Task Force, Mr Luc Lavrysen and the Aarhus Secretariat for organising such a rich and informative fourteenth meeting of the Convention's Task Force on Access to Justice.

We believe that the outcomes of the meeting will support all Parties' efforts in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Sustainable Development Goal 16 and its target 16.3 namely to promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all.

The meeting was held back-to-back with the Judicial Colloquium "Adjudication of cases related to climate change and air quality". The event was a clear success and it brought together highly competent representatives of judiciary, judicial training institutions and other review bodies.

The EU and its Member States express their support to the Task Force in organising similar fruitful events in the future and to carry on implementing the mandate given by the MOP.