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**Statement of Ilya Trombitsky, Eco-Tiras, Republic of Moldova,
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Dear Chair,

My current statement is related to the situation characteristic for the situation with the public participation on GMO issues in the EECCA region.

- Due to weakness or lack of specific national legislation in EECCA countries we observe the dramatic spread of GMOs on fields and indifference of governments to that - the pollution is confirmed by sporadic tasting realizing by the certified laboratories inside the countries or abroad. For example, very recently the national biosafety commission of Moldova received the notification on intention to import to Moldova the genetically modified soya seeds from other EECCA country, which officially has no GM-crops.
- The Almaty Amendment is neglected even in the countries which ratified it. This month in Moldova was adopted the new law on biosafety, but both the government and the parliament rejected to include the references to the Aarhus Convention and the Cartagena Protocol strictly following the EU Directive 2001/18/EC, because the responsible for EU harmonization legislation body strictly follows the basic document. In our view it is a misunderstanding of the idea.
- There are usually no mechanisms of public participation in GMO issues on local level and no intention to establish them.
- Public usually neither have necessary expertise, nor funding to monitor the situation created, but the regional political and economic crisis deepens the situation
- Extraordinary measures are necessary to reach the entering of the Almaty amendment into the force.
- New efforts in cooperation with the Cartagena Protocol Secretariat are need to enforce the biosecurity in the EECCA region, which is important for environment, human health and the avoidance of the social-economic risks dealing with the costs of agricultural production for export.

Thank you for your attention!