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Subject: Request for advice ACCC/A/2022/3 (Ukraine) - invitation for comments

To: Members of European ECO Forum's thematic group on compliance

Dear Colleagues,

As you may be aware, on 27 June 2022, Ukraine requested the Compliance Committee to provide it with advice on whether its adoption of certain measures in connection with the military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine was compatible with its obligations as a Party to the Aarhus Convention.

The Chair of the Compliance Committee has confirmed the readiness of the Committee to provide the requested advice in accordance with paragraphs 14, 36 (a) and 37 (a) of the annex to decision I/7.

In accordance with the Committee's established procedure, Ukraine's request for advice has been published on the Committee's website at <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/cc/assistance.html> under the case reference ACCC/A/2022/3.

Earlier today, the Committee wrote to Ukraine to explain its proposed procedure regarding the preparation of its advice on the request. The Committee's letter of today's date is available on the ACCC/A/2022/3 webpage at: https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/toPartyA3_Ukraine_21.07.2022.pdf

As outlined in the letter, in line with the Committee's established procedure, members of the public will have one week from today, i.e. until **Thursday, 28 July 2022**, to submit to the Committee any comments they may have on the substance of Ukraine's request.

As members of European ECO Forum's thematic group on compliance, we would be grateful if you would share the present email with Ukrainian environmental NGOs and other interested members of the public and invite them to send any comments they may have on Ukraine's request to aarhus.compliance@un.org by **noon CET Thursday, 28 July 2022**. This deadline is timed so that the Committee can consider all comments received at its upcoming virtual meeting on Friday, 29 July 2022.

In this regard, on 4 July 2022, the Ukrainian environmental NGO, Environment-People-Law, submitted comments on Ukraine's request for advice at its own initiative. These comments have been published on the ACCC/A/2022/3 webpage. The Committee will consider these comments along with other possible comments to be received by the above deadline.

Please note that, in accordance with paragraphs 14, 36 (a) and 37 (a) of the annex to decision I/7, it is for the Committee, in consultation with the Party concerned, to decide the scope of its draft advice in the light of any comments received from members of the public.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the above.

Kind regards,
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