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Subject: Decision VII/8f (European Union) - invitation to open session at Committee's 77th meeting (13-16 December 2022)

Dear Ms. Belenyessy,

I write at the request of the Compliance Committee to inform you that, having reviewed the plan of action on decision VII/8f submitted by the European Union on 31 July 2022, the Committee has concluded that the European Union's plan of action appears to be only partially appropriate.

In the light of the above, the Compliance Committee invites the Party concerned to attend an open session with the Committee at its upcoming seventy-seventh meeting to discuss the plan of action. Communicants and observers are welcome to attend the session also.

The open session will be held on **Thursday**, **15 December 2022**, **from 10:30-12:30 CET**. The provisional timeline for the meeting is available at: https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/events/364866

Kindly note that, between 10:30-12:30 CET, the Committee will hold open sessions with several Parties on their plans of action. To avoid unnecessary delays, the Party concerned, communicants and observers are asked to join the open session shortly before 10:30 CET and to remain connected until the session on decision VII/8f is completed.

To assist the Party concerned to prepare for the open session, the Committee will in the coming days provide a brief summary outlining some of its concerns regarding the plan of action.

I would be grateful if you would confirm by **next Wednesday**, 7 **December**, that the European Union will participate in the open session on 15 December.

Thereafter, in order to receive the link to join the session, all representatives of the Party concerned, communicants or observers taking part in the open session should register at https://indico.un.org/event/1000694/ by Friday, 9 December.

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

Kind regards, Fiona



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