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

Dear Ms. Loboda,

As you may recall, through paragraph 3 (a) of decision VII/8r concerning the compliance of Ukraine, the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention requested Ukraine to submit a plan of action, including a time schedule, to the Committee by 1 July 2022 regarding the implementation of the recommendations contained in that decision.

As of today, the Committee has not yet received the plan of action that Ukraine was requested by the Meeting of the Parties to submit by 1 July 2022 nor any updates on its preparation.

Cognizant of the significant challenges caused by the ongoing military invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, the Compliance Committee invites Ukraine to attend an open session with the Committee at its upcoming seventy-seventh meeting to discuss its outstanding plan of action. The communicant and observers will be welcome to attend the session also.

The open session will be held on **Friday, 16 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, Ukraine (as the Party concerned), the communicant and observers should join the open session shortly before 10:30 CET and to remain connected until the session on decision VII/8r is completed.

I would be grateful if you would confirm by this **Wednesday, 7 December**, that Ukraine will participate in the open session on 16 December and if so, the names of its representative(s).

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

Since the open session on 16 December will be held in English, if Ukraine's representative(s) will require interpretation, please arrange for interpretation on your side.

Finally, if it will not be possible for a representative of Ukraine to attend the open session on 16 December, please provide the Committee with a written update on the preparation of Ukraine's plan of action.

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

Kind regards,

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