

18 September 2023

Ms. Cintia Nagy
Ministry of Energy
Hungary

Dear Ms. Nagy,

**Re: Decision VII/8h concerning compliance by Hungary
with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention**

The Compliance Committee under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) has asked me to inform you that, at its seventy-eighth meeting (Geneva, 21 – 24 March 2023), the Committee considered the detailed explanation provided by the Party concerned on 21 December 2022 and has requested the secretariat to inform you that the detailed explanation does not address the content of the Committee’s findings on communication ACCC/C/2014/105 (Hungary) nor of the recommendation in paragraph 2 of decision VII/8h.

The Committee has therefore asked me to write as a courtesy to remind you that, in accordance with paragraph 3 (a) of decision VII/8h of the Meeting of the Parties, Hungary is requested to submit to the Committee its first progress report by **1 October 2023** on the measures it has by that date taken, and the results achieved, to implement the recommendation in paragraph 2 of decision VII/8h.

The Committee has also asked me to remind you that, as explained by the Chair of the Committee at the twenty-seventh meeting the Working Group of the Parties to the Convention (Geneva, 26-28 June 2023), all the measures to implement decision VII/8h must be taken and reported on by no later than **1 October 2024** in order that they can be taken into consideration by the Committee in its report on decision VII/8h to the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

As you may recall, at its twenty-seventh meeting, the Working Group of the Parties took note of the information provided by the Chair of the Compliance Committee and “urged all Parties subject to a decision of the Meeting of the Parties concerning its compliance to implement that decision in a timely and effective manner, especially where the implementation requires legislative measures”.¹

Finally, should Hungary demonstrate to the Committee that it has fully met the requirements of decision VII/8h by the time of its final progress report due on 1 October 2024, the Committee will report that fact to the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties. There would then be no need for a further decision on those points to be adopted at the eighth session.

¹ List of decisions and major outcomes of the meeting, p. 5,
<https://unece.org/environment/documents/2023/07/list-decisions-and-major-outcomes-meeting>

Should you have any questions with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,



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