

Plan of action for decision VII/80 (Romania)

Through paragraph 3 (a) of decision VII/80 concerning the compliance of Romania, the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention has requested the Party concerned 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.

The text of decision VII/80 is available at: <https://unece.org/env/pp/cc/decision-vii80-concerning-romania>

In preparing its plan of action, the Party concerned was invited by the Compliance Committee to take into account the Committee's information note for Parties on preparing their plan of action. The Committee's information note, which contains step-by-step guidance for Parties on how to complete their plan of action, is available at: <https://unece.org/env/pp/cc/implementation-decisions-meeting-parties-compliance-individual-parties>

A. Description of the process by which the plan of action has been prepared

B. General character of the measures that will be needed to implement the recommendations in the MOP decision

| C. Detailed plan of action | |
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| Recommendation: Para. 2 (a) (i) of decision VII/80 | In paragraph 2 (a) (i) of decision VII/80, the Meeting of the Parties requests that the Party concerned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Provide the Committee with evidence that it has, as a matter of urgency, taken the necessary legislative, regulatory and administrative measures and practical arrangements to ensure that public officials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Respond to requests of members of the public to access environmental information as soon as possible, and, at the latest, within one month after the request was submitted, and, in the case of a refusal, state the reasons for the refusal; |
| Proposed measures to fulfil recommendation | |
| Outline of the steps necessary to implement the proposed measures | |
| Actors involved | |
| Final date by when implementation of recommendation will be completed | |

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| Recommendation: Para. 2 (a) (ii) a. of decision VII/8o | <p>In paragraph 2 (a) (ii) a. of decision VII/8o, the Meeting of the Parties requests that the Party concerned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Provide the Committee with evidence that it has, as a matter of urgency, taken the necessary legislative, regulatory and administrative measures and practical arrangements to ensure that public officials: (ii) Correctly implement the Convention with respect to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Article 2 (3) – the definition of “environmental information”; |
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| Outline of the steps necessary to implement the proposed measures | |
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| Recommendation: Para. 2 (a) (ii) b. of decision VII/8o | <p>In paragraph 2 (a) (ii) b. of decision VII/8o, the Meeting of the Parties requests that the Party concerned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Provide the Committee with evidence that it has, as a matter of urgency, taken the necessary legislative, regulatory and administrative measures and practical arrangements to ensure that public officials: (ii) Correctly implement the Convention with respect to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Article 4 (6) – the requirement to separate confidential from nonconfidential information whenever possible and to make available the latter; |
| Proposed measures to fulfil recommendation | |
| Outline of the steps necessary to implement the proposed measures | |
| Actors involved | |
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| Recommendation: Para. 2 (a) (iii) of decision VII/80 | <p>In paragraph 2 (a) (iii) of decision VII/80, the Meeting of the Parties requests that the Party concerned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Provide the Committee with evidence that it has, as a matter of urgency, taken the necessary legislative, regulatory and administrative measures and practical arrangements to ensure that public officials: (iii) Interpret the grounds for refusing access to environmental information in a restrictive way, taking into account the public interest served by disclosure, and, in stating the reasons for a refusal, specify how the public interest served by disclosure was taken into account; |
| Proposed measures to fulfil recommendation | |
| Outline of the steps necessary to implement the proposed measures | |
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| Recommendation: Para. 2 (b) of decision VII/80 | In paragraph 2 (b) of decision VII/80, the Meeting of the Parties requests that the Party concerned: (b) Provide the Committee with evidence that it has provided training to public authorities about the above duties; |
| Proposed measures to fulfil recommendation | |
| Outline of the steps necessary to implement the proposed measures | |
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| Recommendation: Para. 2 (c) of decision VII/80 | <p>In paragraph 2 (c) of decision VII/80, the Meeting of the Parties requests that the Party concerned:</p> <p>(c) Review its legal framework in order to identify cases where decisions to permit activities within the scope of article 6 of the Convention are conducted without effective participation of the public (art. 6 (3) and (7)), and to take the necessary legislative and regulatory measures to ensure that such situations are adequately remedied;</p> |
| Proposed measures to fulfil recommendation | |
| Outline of the steps necessary to implement the proposed measures | |
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| Recommendation: Para. 2 (d) of decision VII/8o | <p>In paragraph 2 (d) of decision VII/8o, the Meeting of the Parties requests that the Party concerned:</p> <p>(d) Review its legal framework and undertake the necessary legislative, regulatory and administrative measures to ensure that the court procedures for access to environmental information are timely and provide adequate and effective remedies;</p> |
| Proposed measures to fulfil recommendation | |
| Outline of the steps necessary to implement the proposed measures | |
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| Recommendation: Para. 2 (e) of decision VII/80 | In paragraph 2 (e) of decision VII/80, the Meeting of the Parties requests that the Party concerned: (e) Provide adequate practical arrangements or measures to ensure that the activities listed in subparagraphs (a)–(d) above are carried out with broad participation of the public authorities and the public concerned; |
| Proposed measures to fulfil recommendation | |
| Outline of the steps necessary to implement the proposed measures | |
| Actors involved | |
| Final date by when implementation of recommendation will be completed | |