

## Action Plan for Decision VII/8n (Republic of Moldova)

Through paragraph 3 (a) of decision VII/8o 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/8o is available at: <https://unece.org/env/pp/cc/decision-vii8n-concerning-republic-of-moldova>

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

- The public consultation was launched on 15.06.2022, closed on 30.06.2022;
- Email sent to various stakeholders to inform them of the launch and deadline.
- Working group set up to develop the action plan, consisting of experts in the field as well as civil society representatives.
- Working Group meeting held and presentation of pre-consultation draft discussed with its members.
- Revised draft action plan, taking into account any/all comments received, after the public consultation was closed.
- Action Plan submitted to ACCC by 01 July 2022.

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

1. Legislative, regulatory and other measures.
2. Training of public authority officials.

### C. Detailed plan of action

#### Recommendation: Paragraph 2(a) of Decision VII/8n.

In paragraph 2(a) of decision VII/8n, the Meeting of the Parties shall request the Party concerned:

	<p>(a) to take the necessary legislative, regulatory and other measures to establish a clear, transparent and consistent schedule of charges under Article 4, paragraph 8, of the Convention for the provision of hydrometeorological information on request, including by setting out clearly how charges are to be calculated, and to ensure that all charges, including total charges, are reasonable and adequately justified;</p>
<p>Proposed measures to fulfil recommendation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elaboration of the draft law on meteorological and hydrological activity, which will replace the existing normative act (Law no. 1536/1998).</li> <li>• Review of Government Decision No 330/2006 approving the nomenclature of services provided free of charge and against payment by the State Hydrometeorological Service and the use of special means of the State Hydrometeorological Service.</li> <li>• Review of Government Decision No 1467/2016 for the approval of the Regulation on public access to environmental information, by establishing the principles of access to environmental information, including access to primary data, the principles of access to service use documents and the classification of environmental information as a service use, determining the principles of pricing in accordance with the Aarhus Convention and unambiguously clarifying the concepts of "reasonable prices" for environmental information and the modalities of their determination.</li> <li>• Draft Government Decision approving the Regulation on public participation in environmental decision-making.</li> <li>• Elaboration of the methodology for the provision of hydrometeorological services and information by the State Hydrometeorological Service.</li> </ul>
<p>Outline of the steps necessary to implement the proposed measures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of the methodologies applied by the State Hydrometeorological Service for the provision of hydrometeorological information;</li> <li>• Conduct interviews with State Hydrometeorological Service staff, including Ministry of Environment officials, to identify current workflow, data, technological needs and other efforts for the provision of hydrometeorological information;</li> <li>• Review staff time allocation standards for existing services and develop standards for newly introduced climate services and include them in the Methodology for the provision of hydrometeorological services and information;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classify the services provided by the State Hydrometeorological Service according to the modalities of their provision to users (e.g. free of charge, partial cost coverage or full cost coverage) in accordance with the requirements of the Aarhus Convention.</li> <li>• Estimate costs and tariffs for newly developed climate services and review costs and tariffs for existing ones, based on the findings of the market research mission carried out by the NAP2 project and existing national regulations and requirements.</li> </ul>
Actors involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Environment</li> <li>• State Hydrometeorological Service</li> <li>• Other central and local public authorities</li> <li>• Civil Society</li> </ul>
Final date by when implementation of recommendation will be completed	End of 2023
<b>Recommendation: Paragraph 2(b) of Decision VII/8.</b>	In paragraph 2(b) of decision VII/8n, the Meeting of the Parties shall request the Party concerned:  (b) to provide training to officials in public authorities handling requests for access to hydrometeorological information to ensure that any fees are no more than reasonable, are calculated in a clear, transparent and consistent manner and are properly justified;
Proposed measures to fulfil recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct training courses for the State Hydrometeorological Service staff on the application of the methodology of service provision and tariff calculation for climate and hydrometeorological services and the provision of hydrometeorological information as a type of environmental information.</li> <li>• Organisation of information sessions for the general public on the services provided by the State Hydrometeorological Service as well as their charging methodology.</li> <li>• Information sessions with media representatives for the widest possible media coverage of the services provided, charging method, etc.</li> <li>• Development and dissemination of a guide for public authorities on public access to environmental information.</li> </ul>
Outline of the steps necessary to implement the proposed measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify human/information resources and expertise for organising training courses.</li> </ul>

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Actors involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Environment</li> <li>• State Hydrometeorological Service</li> <li>• Civil Society</li> </ul>
Final date by which implementation of the Recommendation will be completed	End of 2023