

6 February 2024

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**

I am writing at the request of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee.

As you are aware, through paragraph 2 of [decision VII/8h](#) concerning the compliance of Hungary, the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention has recommended that Hungary:

“take the necessary legislative, regulatory, administrative and practical measures to ensure that ‘assessments analyses’ of policies relating to the environment prepared under articles 43 (1) and 44 (2) of the Environmental Code, or any legislation that supersedes them, are made available to the public so that it can effectively exercise its opportunities to participate under article 7, final sentence, of the Convention.”

In paragraph 3 (a) of the decision, the Meeting of the Parties requested Hungary to “submit a plan of action, including a time schedule, to the Committee by **1 July 2022** regarding the implementation of the above recommendation”.

In paragraph 3 (b) of the decision, the Meeting of the Parties requested Hungary to provide a detailed progress report to the Committee by **1 October 2023** on the measures taken and the results achieved in the implementation of its plan of action and the recommendation in paragraph 2 of the decision.

To date, the Compliance Committee has received neither Hungary’s plan of action, due on 1 July 2022, nor its first progress report, due on 1 October 2023.

As you may recall, in paragraph 3 (d) of decision VII/8h, the Meeting of the Parties has requested Hungary to “participate (either in person or by virtual means) in the meetings of the Committee at which the progress of the Party concerned in implementing the above recommendation is to be considered”.

In the light of Hungary’s failure to submit its plan of action and first progress report, the Compliance Committee has instructed me to write to you **to request you, or another representative of Hungary, to participate, either virtually or in person, in an open session on decision VII/8h (Hungary) to be held during the Compliance Committee’s upcoming eighty-second meeting (Geneva, 20-23 February 2024).**

The open session on decision VII/8h (Hungary) will be held at **11.00am CET on Wednesday, 21 February 2024**. The provisional timeline for the Compliance Committee's eighty-second meeting is available online at: <https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Public-Participation/events/387664>.

The Committee has also asked me to remind you that 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.

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.

As you may recall, at its twenty-seventh meeting (Geneva, 26-28 June 2023), the Working Group of the Parties "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

I would be grateful if you would confirm by **next Tuesday, 13 February 2024**, that a representative of Hungary will participate in the open session on decision VII/8h to be held at 11.00am CET on Wednesday, 21 February 2024.

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

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall

Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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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>