

13 February 2024

Mr. Aurimas Saladžius  
Ministry of Environment  
Lithuania

Dear Mr. Saladžius,

**Re: Decision VII/81 concerning compliance by Lithuania  
with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention**

Please find enclosed the Compliance Committee's first progress review on the implementation of decision VII/81 concerning compliance by Lithuania. The Committee's first progress review examines the progress made by Lithuania to implement decision VII/81 to date, based on Lithuania's first progress report and the comments received thereon.

In the light of the conclusions of its progress review, the Committee invites Lithuania, and the communicant and observers should they wish to do so, to participate in an open session on decision VII/81 to be held on **Thursday, 22 February 2024, from 11:00-11:30 CET**, during the Committee's eighty-second meeting (Geneva, 20–23 February 2024). The open session will provide an opportunity for the Committee to discuss its progress review with the Party concerned. The Party concerned, the communicant and observers will also have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have regarding the Committee's progress review or its follow-up procedure.

I would be grateful if you would confirm by next **Tuesday, 20 February 2024** that a representative of Lithuania will take part in the open session on decision VII/81 to be held next Thursday. In order to participate virtually or in-person at the eighty-second meeting, please also register by that date at: <https://indico.un.org/event/1007024/>.

The provisional timeline for the Committee's eighty-second meeting is available at: <https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/events/387664>.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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