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Subject: Re: New communication concerning Ukraine to be considered for preliminary admissibility at the Committee's 83rd meeting (Geneva, 11-14 June 2024)

Dear Fiona!

I express my sincere respect to the Secretariat, and on behalf of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, I am addressing the following.

As you know, active military actions on the territory of Ukraine have not stopped for more than two years, and despite this, Ukraine is diligently trying to fulfill its obligations under all international treaties, in particular under the Aarhus Convention.

In the Ministry of Environment, as the responsible body for Ukraine's compliance with the Aarhus Convention, since the beginning of the war there have been contradictions regarding civil society access to information and ensuring data protection, in connection with which, a request for consultation ACCC/A/2022/3 was submitted to the Committee (Ukraine). As a result, the Committee generally gave a satisfactory assessment of the approaches to solving problems with access to information and how this issue can be settled at the level of measures of the legal regime of martial law, namely the prevention of any unauthorized actions with information.

We are trying with all our force to ensure the operation of critical infrastructure facilities and other important institutions that suffer from Russian aggression on a daily basis, so that the economy of our country develops.

After receiving your letter, regarding the consideration of the preliminary admissibility of the message PRE/ACCC/C/2024/210 (Ukraine) at the next meeting of the Committee, we were a little confused by the timing. In order to comprehensively prepare the necessary justifications, we need more time. In addition, as can be seen in the annexes of the notice, this issue is cross-sectoral, and requires confirmation or denial of the complaint from many other executive authorities, except the Ministry of Environment. And we have already sent them appropriate letters.

In connection with the above, and taking into account the exceptional situation in Ukraine, we ask that the preliminary consideration of PRE/ACCC/C/2024/210 (Ukraine) be postponed until the next meeting of the Committee, since from the date of submission of the notice, namely, April 30, the Ministry of Environment needs additional time to prepare a substantive response coordination of the position with the involved bodies.

With kind regards,

Ruslana Koretska