

Aarhus Convention 28th WGP

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Dear Chair, dear Secretariat and dear Delegates and colleagues,

The ECO Forum would like to thank the Chair of the Task Force for the reports and for all the work carried out. We take the opportunity to single out the important discussions that were had on the rights of the child and intergenerational equity regarding climate change information.

We would like to support and agree with all the priorities mentioned by the Chair for the future work and would simply mention some areas which we think are of particular importance: the need to continue to increase the active dissemination of information; continue to progress on product passports; emerging technologies and digital tools, such as blockchain and AI; the need for information to be open access; as well as ensuring that all people, including those in in vulnerable situations, have equal access to information regarding the environment, their health and wellbeing.

Thank you very much for your attention.