

**Aarhus Convention, Working Group of the Parties (WGP-28)  
Geneva, 2-4 July 2024**

Agenda Item 4(d): Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)

**Statement by Armenia**

The law on Genetically Modified Organisms was adopted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia on January 17, 2023. This law includes provisions similar to those outlined in the Amendment to the Convention on Genetically Modified Organisms. Specifically, it reflects commitments to ensuring effective access to information and public participation in decision-making processes concerning GMOs, as stipulated by the Amendment.

In December, the translation of the law was sent to the Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention via email, and we discussed the desire for submitting it for comments and advisory opinion with the Secretary to the Compliance Committee. The Committee's comments would greatly facilitate Armenia's consideration of the Amendment to the Convention. We would appreciate receiving the opinion of the Compliance Committee in due course to proceed with internal discussions regarding the potential ratification of the Amendment. This is also important to build necessary decree of understanding and awareness about the provisions of the Amendment and its similarities to the national law among the lawmakers and the general public.

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