

**Aarhus Convention, Working Group of the Parties (WGP-28)  
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Agenda Item 4(d): Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)

**Statement by Ukraine**

Last year, we shared with you information about Ukraine's achievements in implementing the GMO Amendment to the Aarhus Convention. For today, the Amendment has not yet been ratified, but some changes have taken place this year, and We want to report on them.

Last year, the draft law on the ratification of the amendment was submitted to the President of Ukraine for consideration. To date, on 16 of May, 2024, this draft law has been registered in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. In the coming days, on 27th of June, 2024, the draft law passed committee hearings. The Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Environmental Policy and Nature Management approved and recommended the draft law on the ratification of the Amendment to the Aarhus Convention on Genetically Modified Organisms, for adoption as a basis and in its entirety. We emphasize that the ratification of this amendment is an important decision for the participation of the public in the process of decision making in environment issues.

Taking into account all the above, we hope that the issue of the ratification of the Amendment can be resolved in the next couple of months, which we will be very proud to announce immediately.