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Subject: Opportunity for Parties and stakeholders to comment on Compliance Committee's draft advice on decision VII/8e (Czechia) - deadline 12 September 2024

To: National focal points of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) and stakeholders

Dear Colleagues,

I write at the request of the Chair of the Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention to inform you of the opportunity to comment on the Committee's draft advice on paragraph 2 (b) of decision VII/8e concerning Czechia.

As you may be aware, pursuant to paragraph 36 (a) of the annex to decision I/7, the Committee, in consultation with the Party concerned, may provide advice and facilitate assistance to individual Parties regarding the implementation of the Convention.

To this end, on 9 February 2023, Czechia submitted a request to the Committee seeking its advice on the implementation of paragraph 2 (b) of decision VII/8e. Decision VII/8e is available at: https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-01/Decision_VII.8e_eng.pdf

Czechia's request to the Compliance Committee for advice is available at: https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2023-02/frPartyVII.8e_09.02.2023_Redacted.pdf

On 3 July 2024, the Compliance Committee sent its draft advice to the Party concerned, communicants and observers for their comments pursuant to paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/7. The Committee's draft advice is available at the following link: https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2024-07/VII.8e_draft_advice_for_comment.docx

With a view to addressing the questions raised by Czechia in its request dated 9 February 2023, the Committee's draft advice provides practical advice on how to carry out effective notification of the public concerned under article 6 (2) of the Convention in the Party concerned's territory as well as in the transboundary context.

Considering that the issues addressed in its draft advice may be of relevance for other Parties to the Convention also, the Compliance Committee has requested the secretariat to inform Parties and stakeholders of the opportunity to comment on the Committee's draft advice.

Bearing in mind the summer period, the Committee would be grateful to receive any comments on its draft advice by **12 September 2024**. The Committee will thereafter finalize its advice taking into account the comments received by the above deadline.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat at aarhus.compliance@un.org if you have any questions regarding the above.

Best regards,
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