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## REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AARHUS CONVENTION COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

We inform you that the Intelligence Controller of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter the Intelligence Controller), having familiarized himself with the decision no. VII/81 of member states of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe of the Convention on the right to receive information about the environment, to participate in decision-making and the right to apply to courts in environmental matters (hereinafter - the Aarhus Convention), at meeting which took place on 18-20 October 2021, which approved the conclusions of the Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention and found that Lithuania did not comply with the requirements of the Aarhus Convention. Following the recommendations presented by this Committee regarding the correction of established violations related to the activities of the State Security Department of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter – the SCD), under the guidance of the Intelligence Controller Law of the Republic of Lithuania Article 11, Part 9 and Article 24, Intelligence Controller prepares methodological recommendations for the SCD on the application of the relevant provisions of the Aarhus Convention in intelligence activities, in strict compliance with legality and compliance with the requirements for the protection of human rights and freedoms.

After the methodological recommendations of the Intelligence Controller have been prepared and submitted to the SCD, related to ensuring the application of the relevant provisions of the Aarhus Convention in intelligence activities, we will inform you about this no later than 30 November 2024.

Head of the Institution, Intelligence Controller

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