

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection
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Compliance Committee for the
Convention on Access to
Information, Public Participation in
Decision-making and Access to
Justice in Environmental Matters

Re: preparation of the draft Concept Paper

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus hereby informs you that work is continuing on a draft Concept Paper on amendments and additions to Belarusian legislation on public participation in decision-making on activities that have an environmental impact and public access to information (“the Concept Paper”).

Order No. 160-OD of 2 May 2012 of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus (“the Ministry of the Environment”) created a working party to put forward proposals on bringing Belarusian legislation more closely into line with the Aarhus Convention (“the working party”), which is examining the draft Concept Paper at its meetings.

To date, the draft Concept Paper has been published on the official site of the Ministry of the Environment and proposals and comments are being collected from members of the working group and the public.

We are enclosing the preliminary draft of the Concept Paper that is currently under discussion.

We will provide further information on continuing work on this document in due course.

Enclosed: one copy of the draft Concept Paper currently under discussion on 23 sides.

First Deputy Minister

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