



**Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention
(Maastricht, 30 June-2 July 2014)**

Agenda item 5 (b): Compliance mechanism

Decision on compliance by Belarus

Statement on behalf of the EU and its Member States

Monday, 30 June 2014

From a procedural point of view, the EU and its Member States do not support the re-opening of the draft Decision regarding compliance by Belarus.

This being said, from the point of view of substance, we are extremely concerned about the non-compliance by Belarus with regard to the implementation of key provisions of the Aarhus Convention.

Should full compliance not be achieved by Belarus by the next MOP, the EU and its Member States would have to consider the option of recommending to the MOP to issue a caution to Belarus.
