



**Eighteenth meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention  
(Maastricht, 29 June 2014)  
Agenda item 3 (b) (iii) : Public Participation in Decision Making**

Contribution by the EU and its Member States.

We would like to thank the Contracting Parties and other participants in the 17<sup>th</sup> WGP for taking into account the EU previous proposals for amendments.

We agree with the context of the draft decision except the last sentence of 11<sup>th</sup> (f) subparagraph. We would propose the texts in both sets of square brackets after the phrase “nuclear domain” to be deleted, given the fact that due to current financial restrictions, the work of Task Force needs to be more focused and efficient instead of being extended in other sectors. Furthermore, we agree to keep the reference to nuclear domain in case we add the following phrase after the word domain, “related decision making in harmonization with the Espoo Convention’s Provisions.”

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