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Proposing the following changes to the draft decision (document ECE/MP.PP/2014/L.23)

| Paragraph of the draft decision ECE/MP.PP/2014/L.23 | Recommendations | Argumentation |
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| Paragraph 4 Expresses its deep concern at the absence of concrete progress by the Party concerned in implementing decision IV/9h during this intersessional period; | Change: Endorses the work done during the intersessional period, aimed at the implementation of the Party's decision IV/9h, but expresses its deep concern at the lack of concrete results | Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, since 2011, worked on the development of a regulatory act that would regulate the procedure of environmental impact assessment, as well as to fully guarantee the public's right to participate in decision-making process regarding important ecological issues. In particular, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine as the relevant ministry controlled the draft Law of Ukraine "On amendments to some laws of Ukraine concerning the implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the environmental impact assessment in a Transboundary Context" (registration number 2109a), that was adopted at first reading during the session of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, but was rejected 26.03.2014. |
| Sub-paragraph B of Paragraph 5 To ensure that information is provided by public authorities upon request (article 4, paragraph 1) | Remove | In January 2011, the Law of Ukraine "On access to public information", that fully regulates the above mentioned issue was adopted. The law stated that the information regarding the state of the environment can not be restricted. Period for consideration of any such request may not exceed five days from the day of its receipt. If the information relates to or may affect human life and health, the answer in any such case shall |

| be provided within 48 hours. |
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| Paragraph 3 of the Convention provides reasons |
| for rejection to provide such information. |
| Grounds for refusal to provide information laid |
| down in accordance with paragraph 3 of the |
| Convention. Law also provides for liability for |
| violations of the provision of law. |