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Meeting of the Parties to the
Convention on Access to Information,
Public Participation in Decision-making and
Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PARTIES

Addendum

DECISION I/14

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE PARTIES

adopted at the first meeting of the Parties
held in Lucca, Italy, on 21-23 October 2002

The Meeting,

Recalling article 10, paragraph 2 (d), of the Convention, stipulating that the Parties may establish such subsidiary bodies, as they deem necessary,

Recalling also its decisions I/11 and I/12 on the procedures for the preparation, adoption and monitoring of work programmes and on the work programme for 2003-2005,

Recognizing the need for an effective structure to oversee activities under the auspices of the Convention between the meetings of the Parties,

1. Establishes an open-ended subsidiary body, to be called the Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention, to oversee the implementation of the work programme;
2. Requests the Working Group to:
 - (a) Prepare the meetings of the Parties;
 - (b) Oversee and direct the activities of subsidiary bodies established by the Meeting of the Parties;

(c) Keep under review the need for amending the Convention and prepare proposals to this end for the Meeting of the Parties;

(d) Make such proposals and recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties as it considers necessary for the achievement of the purposes of the Convention; and

(e) Undertake any other duties as requested by the Meeting of the Parties;

3. Also requests the Working Group to meet no less than once a year, and to organize its work, within the means available, in the way that it deems most effective, e.g. by establishing ad hoc expert groups and by holding meetings back to back with other meetings; and

4. Requests its officers and Bureau to serve as the officers and the Bureau of the Working Group unless the Meeting of the Parties decides otherwise.