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Cc:	Fiona Marshall
Subject:	Fw: Invitation to comment by 15 April the third draft of the Recommendations on Public Participation in Decision-making in Environmental Matters being prepared under Aarhus Convention
Date:	16/04/2013 09:14

Dear Fiona,

Please find below a small comment from our contact person in WHO.

Best regards,
Minna

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Date: 15/04/2013 18:21
Subject: RE: Invitation to comment by 15 April the third draft of the Recommendations on Public Participation in Decision-making in Environmental Matters being prepared under Aarhus Convention

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Dear Minna,

Thank you for the impressive document. I would only have one comment and suggest to check the wording on Page 8, No 21: "... it should **be** borne in mind that:"

Kind regards
Julia

From: Minna Torkkeli [mailto:Minna.Torkkeli@unece.org] **On Behalf Of** Eia Conv
Sent: 04 April 2013 16:24
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Subject: Invitation to comment by 15 April the third draft of the Recommendations on Public Participation in Decision-making in Environmental Matters being prepared under Aarhus Convention

Dear Focal points for the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, and other stakeholders (in blank copy - bcc),

The Aarhus Convention secretariat has requested the Espoo Convention secretariat to share with you, for your information and comments, the third draft of the Recommendations on Public Participation in Decision-making in Environmental Matters being prepared under the auspices of the Task Force on Public Participation in Decision-making of the Aarhus Convention.

Together with Aarhus Convention secretariat, we would like to thank all those who commented on the second draft of the Recommendations which was circulated in late October 2012. All comments received on the second draft have been taken into account in the preparation of the current third draft. Please find below more detailed information from the Aarhus secretariat.

Best regards,
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Invitation to comment on the third draft
The third draft is attached in English and Russian in both clean and track changes formats. The track changes format shows all changes that have been made to the second draft in the light of the comments received. The clean format is attached for easier reading and also for inserting any comments you may have on the third draft.

We would be grateful to receive your written comments, in track changes form in the attached clean Word version of the third draft, by **15 April 2013** to **public.participation@unece.org**.

Among the comments received on the previous drafts was a suggestion to incorporate some diagrams or flow charts to visually explain some of the key parts of the recommendations. As well as your written comments, we thus invite you to submit any diagrams or flowcharts that you consider nicely illustrate relevant parts of the Recommendations. Any diagrams or flowcharts received will be considered in the preparation of the fourth draft.

In keeping with the spirit of the Aarhus Convention, and in response to requests received from civil society, following the expiration of the above deadline we would propose to post all comments received on the third draft on the webpage of the draft Recommendations: http://www.unece.org/ppdm_recs.html. The three drafts prepared to date, as well as the comments received on the second draft, are already available on that webpage.

The process going forward
Following the expiry of the commenting period on the third draft, all comments received will be considered in the preparation of the fourth draft. It is intended to circulate the fourth draft in late May 2013.

We thank you in advance for your comments and contribution to this important initiative.

Kind regards,

Fiona Marshall

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