# Environment: access to information and justice, public participation, conclusion of the Arhus Convention

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PURPOSE: the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Convention on access to information, public participation in decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2005/370/EC.

CONTENT: The Council adopted a Decision approving the conclusion, on behalf of the Community, of the Convention of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN-EEC) on access to information, public participation in decision making and access to justice in environmental matters (Aarhus Convention).

The Convention is structured around three pillars: developing public access to information held by public authorities, encouraging public participation in decision making, extending the conditions for access to justice.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 17/05/2005.