

# Belarus, Aarhus Convention incompliance case and the state policy

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## How ACCC case could affect further state policy on persecution

- ACCC conclusion and MoP decision are not legally binding
- In general, execution of MoP decision is voluntary for state and is a question of good image
- By the way running a case before international bodies (like UN Human Rights Committee, ACCC, other relevant institutions) always is harmful for state

# Why ACCC ?

- In case of ACCC it is important for state to give feedback and reaction because of international funding for environmental programs
- The main goal of bringing these cases before ACCC – raising awareness on international and national level
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# Case profits

- ACCC case effects:
  - dialogue to government
  - outlining the problem on activists persecution, human rights violation and lack the rule of law in national courts
  - opportunity to bring proposals on legislation improvement and state actors behavior

# What ACCC outcomes means

- It does not mean that environmental activists will have special badges protecting them from police violence or court injustice
- But it can move the state much more close to respect human rights, improve the rule of law and stop the persecution of people exercising their rights – because of international pressure, attention to problems and cooperation with civil society