Format for complaints to the Aarhus Convention's Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders

I. Information on the alleged victim(s)

Full name of each alleged victim: Bernd Himmelreich / Angela Timmer

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If there is more than one alleged victim, provide the above information for each alleged victim.

Remark: The really "alleged victims" are the whole EU population by air pollution with SVHC emissions and the whole workforce by intoxication with substances classified "CMR 1a or 1b"!

If the alleged victim is an organization, briefly describe in the box below the nature of the organization and its activities, including whether it is engaged in promoting environmental protection (200 words maximum).

We are active members of Parents for Future and supporters of Extinction Rebellion, Scientists for Future and Scientist Rebellion.

II. Information on complainant(s)

Explanatory note:

The identity of the complainant(s) will be kept confidential unless they explicitly waive their right to confidentiality. Confidenciality is not required since these are official cases yet.

Full name of person, organization or Party submitting the complaint: same as mentioned ahead Email:²

Telephone:2

Permanent address:2

If the complaint is made by a group of persons, provide the above information for each person and indicate one contact person.

If the complaint is submitted by one or more organizations or by a Party to the Convention, provide the following information for the contact person authorized to represent the organization(s) or Party in connection with this complaint:

Name: 2

Title/Position: Telephone:² Email:²

III. Party concerned

Explanatory note:

The Special Rapporteur may investigate the alleged persecution, penalization or harassment of a person or persons for seeking to exercise their rights under the Aarhus Convention by any State that is a Party to the Convention.

Such persecution, penalization or harassment may result from the actions of the Party concerned. It may also arise from a failure by the Party concerned to act to protect the alleged victim(s) from persecution, penalization or harassment by third parties, including private actors or other States.¹

The list of Parties to the Aarhus Convention is available here: https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg_no=XXVII-13&chapter=27&clang=_en_

Specify which Party to the Aarhus Convention is the subject of this complaint.

The government of Germany

Check the relevant box to indicate which of the following is applicable:

- X The alleged persecution, penalization or harassment is due to the actions of the Party concerned.
- X The alleged persecution, penalization or harassment is due to the actions of private actors, and occurred on the territory of the Party concerned.

The alleged persecution, penalization or harassment is due to the actions of private actors and did not occur on the territory of the Party concerned, but it is alleged that the Party concerned is nevertheless responsible for the actions of the private actors involved.

It is not known which of the above is applicable.

If the complaint concerns more than one Party to the Convention, please specify in the box below which of the above is applicable for each Party concerned.

IV. Nature of the alleged persecution, penalization or harassment

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ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2017/19, para. 70, and decision VII/9, annex, para. 1, final sentence.

Explanatory note:

The Special Rapporteur's mandate is to take measures to protect any person who is either:

- (a) Experiencing persecution, penalization or harassment; or
- (b) At imminent threat of persecution, penalization or harassment in any way, for seeking to exercise their rights under the Aarhus Convention.²

In the box below (please extend box as needed):

- (a) Briefly summarize the events, actions or measures that it is alleged constitute persecution, penalization or harassment of the alleged victim(s).
 - Autumn 2015: Begin of the "Dieselgate" scandal by the "Notice of violation" of the US-EPA.
 - February 2016: First burglary into my home office by Mr. Peter Köring (evidence by DNA example) who has stolen only my private and training laptop for worker's safety trainings inside the Volkswagen Audi and Porsche dealer network. The Police cancelled the investigation later in 2016 when they could not find him. In 2019 I should find out that Peter Köring was a former lover of my wife.
 - Autumn 2018 spring 2019: Several attacks to murder me by dangerous manipulations of the brake light switches, brake fluid and wheel bolts of my sports cars and motorcycles. Nightly attack by a car that tried to push me into the opposite traffic or from the road over a distance of several kilometers.
 - May 2019: Robbery at the shuttle bus station of the Barcelona Airport when I arrived to perform my worker's safety training at VW Espana for the new VW Touareg III hybrid structure collision repair. Once again my training laptop becomes stolen. German police failed to order the video surveillance tapes from their colleagues in Spain after my return from Spain.
 - When returning from Spain I found out that my wife had transferred 250.000 € of company money to a private bank account during my absence, fired her and filed criminal complaints regarding this theft and suspected 4 attempts to murder me to hide that.
 - I find hidden microphones and cameras in my company and home, the order for this espionage equipment inside the email account of my wife, some tapes and films and that my wife forwarded them to VW and Audi. I find a charger for GPS trackers in her office and manipulations and adhesive tape behind the cover panels in the trunk of my cars (always parked inside my company building).
 - While I permanently carry all these new evidences to the Police I meet Secretary of State Nathanael Liminski from the NRW state chancellory at the entrance of the Wesel Police station by random, leaving a grey, shaking and lying Police Commissioner to me. From that moment onwards every single evidence pointing to VW AG "evaporized" out of the

investigation files. The Police also started to protect all crimes by "The Mata Hari of VW" (my wife) and her accomplizes actively.

- When I returned from the Police station I found the next burglary into my house and all my private documents and files are stolen. Lapidar recommendation by the police: "Change your door locks.".
- While searching for the motivation of this bizarre crime protective behaviour of the Police I started my own investigations inside the database of the BGHM (Berufsgenossenschaft Holz und Metall) where I was an (external) specialist for worker's safety issues and got access. Step by step I find out about the cartel of silence between the BGHM and the car cartel regarding all emissions and substances during car service and collision repair that are classified "carcinogenic, mutagenic, reprotoxic 1a or 1b", relevant to the Hazadous Substances Ordinance and for occupational diseases.
- By random I find the first evidences regarding "The real Dieselgate" inside the BGHM database when all experts for hazardous substances rang the alarm bell in 1989 regarding "unpredictable and irreversible mass damages to public health and the environment" if Audi AG would launch the planned TDI into the mass market by its immense thread coming from the PAH-contaminated particle emissions and the "downsizing" of the soot into the invisible but most hazardous particle size. Also the factory doctors of VW AG and the Mercedes-Benz Diesel engineers inside the gremiums agreed to this warning tenor in 1989. But Audi AG did it and launched the "Clean Diesel" lie while it was "a rolling chemical weapon".
- I find the Opel AG expertise from 1989 showing the Dioxin problem of the "regeneration cycles" of the Diesel Particle filters.
- June 2019: I file a global manufacturer's prohibition to VW, Audi, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz and the BGHM to run my company's workstations and vacuum systems for hybrid structure collision repair any longer by the inadequate design and existing danger of self-igniting metal fire, Aluminum dust explosion and permanent intoxication with substances and emissions classified "CMR 1a or 1b" by the completely missing information inside the carmaker's service and collision repair manuals and the BGHM safety standards. I file criminal complaints against the carmaker's and BGHM staff running this cartel of silence since 3 decades to "bypass" the unaware victims into the payment duty of their own health insurances if they fall ill by an occupational disease. The criminal complaints "evaporize" again.
- July 2019: I forward the manufacturer's prohibition to the BAuA (Bundesamt für Arbeitsschutz und Arbeitsmedizin) of the BMAS (Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales) to forward it to the responsible EU nation's workers safety authorities by the EU-RAPEX system. That never happened.
- I file a complaint at the BfV (Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz) for violation of our constitutional law for the disadvantage of our national and the whole EU population, public health and the environment. The BfV writes back to me that they are not mandated to deal with that.

- While I was prepared for a harsh conflict with the Armada of VW lawyers something totally unexpected happened: My company becomes "flooded" with orders for my products already forbidden to operate and my employed chairman Harald Beckmann promised to me that "VW works hard to eliminate all these problems" which was nothing but a lie. They never did anything but tried to buy my discretion with this strange flood of orders instead. I played to follow their game but forwarded all the evidences of my ongoing investigations to the Duisburg Prosecutors and Wesel Police. Zero reaction.
- When VW became confronted with the Benzene catastrophe inside the workshops the head of the VDA, Ford boss Matthias Wissmann, left his chair at the VDA carmaker association immediately "by personal reasons" and the VDA was headless. Then our former Minister for Economic Affairs and Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel should become the new head of the VDA. I forwarded the Benzene catastrophe to his Bundestag account, asked him if he really wants to deal with that and 2 days later he made a press statement that "...his VDA presidency was only daydreaming by the VDA and there have never been any negotiations..." and he went to the Deutsche Bank instead. So the former Minister of the Chancellor's Office Hildgard Müller became the new head of the VDA, became informed in detail what's coming up but there was zero reaction.
- I contacted the Bundeskartellamt (Competition authority) regarding all these cartels of silence. Their only reaction was a nervous phone call trying to find out to whom I am talking about that at the EU commission. When I did not answer they tried it again by email but they never dealt with the white-collar crimes of the cartel.
- I change my lawyer when I realize that his colleague from the tax department was involved into the tax fraud of my wife since 2012 and detect how she got paid by VW AG for her espionage. VWAG invoiced our 6% supplier contract fees not or only partially and my wife transferred the balance to her private bank account to share it with her accomplizes later. It was between 70.000 and 140.000 € per year. In addition, she and her accomplizes ran a "double bookkeeping" to bypass up to one quarter of our company's annual turnaround into their own pockets. All in all a financial loss of 2.6 million € since 2012.
- I file criminal complaints for this massive theft of company money and tax fraud. Zero reaction by the Police and prosecutors.
- My new lawyer files complaints at the NRW Attorney General for the crime protective behaviour of the Wesel Police and Duisburg prosecutors. Zero reaction.
- July 2020: I find out by forensic report of my company's computers that it was my employed chairman Harald Beckmann who was always in the company between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. in the nights before I experienced the manipulations at my brakes and wheelbolts the next day. I learn from his VW dealer customers that they never received our worker's safety instructions with the goods and don't even know they exist. I find a copy of my stolen computer from the first burglary in 2016 on his own company computer back-up. I find the copies from my cell phones. And I find all the "fake bilances" when he also observed my wife as her accomplize but failed to delete it like she did. I find out that he was her accomplize already since his employment in 2012 and that his 2 daughters were "employed" at my company since 2012. So I fire him and file criminal complaints against him for

participation in this decade of fraud, the "double bookkeeping", the cartel of silence, conspiracy with my wife and VW/Audi and 4 attempts to murder me. Once again, zero reaction by police and prosecutors.

- I file a complaint at the tax fraud inspectors for a decade of "double bookkeping" and the "bypassing" of 16.6 million € turnaroud since 2012 and handover all the evidences to them.
 Zero reaction.
- I file a complete stop of delivery to VW AG, Porsche AG and Audi AG and send a circular letter to the 50 workshops who received our goods when they were already forbidden to operate since 1 year. This circular created a shitstorm by the cheaten VW, Audi and Porsche dealers about "these gangsters in Wolfsburg". In the same night we had the next burglary into the company, our computer and phone server unit became distroyed to silence me and to make the company unavailable. Computers, construction and purchase documents for our workstations became stolen. Reaction by the Wesel police: Zero. Nobody comes to inspect the crime site.
- After the first contact to the Supervisory and Mandatory Board of VW AG also my new lawyer experiences a burglary into his office and computers become stolen. Reaction by the police: Zero.
- Our former dealer Wieländer + Schill for the non-VW brands starts to sell the piracy copy
 of our workstations forbidden to operate inside the VW dealership, once again with VW
 approval. Criminal complaint about that product piracy by stolen documents of a burglary:
 "Evaporized" at the Duisburg prosecutors.
- I slip into the shoes of an investigative journalist and send cataloques with questions to the relevant Ministries, f.e. the Ministry of Traffic. They answer but lie and receive their own documents from their own document archives to proof their lies which interrupts the communication immediately.
- I file a lawsuit at the Braunschweig Court against Volkswagen AG including all the main accusations such as Benzene, PAH and Asbestos. Volkswagen replies but only for the minor problem Aluminium dust. I find out that the Court received a completely different complaint by my lawyer than I received. Also all the key evidences are missing. So I check all his complaints and the fax transmission protocols he has sent to me as a copy. I find out that they are all fakes when the PDF files always became created hours before the fax should have sent successfully. Also the numbers on the transmission reports are wrong and not able to receive faxes. Volkswagen had corrupted him. I file a criminal complaint against him but it "evaporizes" again.
- Once again I forward the right complaints and the right evidences to the prosecutors and Court but again with zero reaction.
- I file 2 massive complaints at the DG COMP of the EU commission for the worker's safety issue (CMR substances) and the environmental issue (brake, tire and tailpipe SVHC substances). They hand it over to the DG ENV. The DG JUSTICE receives the complaints about the crime protective behaviour of the german police and prosecutors. The EU-Counsel

of Auditors receives a copy when air pollution is also responsible for a financial damage of approx. 730 billion € per year inside the EU nation's households.

- I file a massive complaint at the SG Plainties against Germany and 9 (!) german governmental authorities convinced to lie and to greenwash all emissions of the traffic sector. Zero reaction until today.
- I experience a nightly shootout in a highway construction site followed by a wild car chase. I manage to defend the attackers with empty cartridges and then chase them for many kilometers, but their car was faster than mine.
- Winter 2021: I contact Bundespräsident Steinmeier and tell him that I will call the ECfHR for all these violations of human rights of the whole EU population and his office answers me that these issues belong into the Bundesrat and Bundestag. This is where they are but ignored.
- Summer 2022: I file a complaint at the KBA (Kraftfahrtbundesamt) regarding all the missing information inside the carmaker's documents, their service and collision repair manuals of all VDA and VDIK cartel members and that they are not conform to EU and national laws. By the violations of the Product Safety Act it is illegal to sell these cars. A "funny" conversation begins but finally it becomes interrupted when "less than zero information is impossible" and the KBA itself permanently failed to outperform its governmental duty to check the carmaker's documents regarding compliance to EU and national laws. They also failed to inform the EU authorities.
- I find out that exactly the same is valid for all the fuels sold at the pump. Also inside their MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets) everything relevant for climate change, public health and worker's safety is missing completely. The fuel cartel runs the same fraudulent scheme the car cartel runs. And in both cases exactly the same substances and emissions are missing. Everything what is classified "CMR 1a or 1b" (human health), "PBT" or even "vPBT" (environment and public health) which is exactly the whole SVHC complex of the combustion process responsible for irreversible mass damages in a global scale that is missing also inside the carmaker documents.
- I inform the Shell headquarter in Hamburg and their association EN2X in Berlin that their whole business activity with fuels is illegal by their fraudulent MSDS and responsible for irrevrsible mass damages to the climate, the environment, public health and worker's safety. Shell answers that they will check that and call again but that never happens. So I file criminal complaints at the Hamburg (Shell) and Berlin (EN2X) prosecutors only to proof that the german prosecutors systematically cover all the wrongdoing of the criminal cartels when the german government participates with taxes in their illegal businesses. And they fall for that trap when the head of the Hamburg prosecutors writes back to me: "...will not start any investigation when there is no scientific evidence existing that the combustion process of Diesel and Gasoline fuels inside engines also creates air pollution.". Then this lady received all these "not existing evidences" from governmental sources but she never reacted again. The Berlin prosecutors never reacted in any way.

- All these violations of law are also "big risks for the shareholders" regarding the value of these brand's securities that must become reported within 4 days ad hoc to their shareholders. That never happens (see Dieselgate 1.0 KapMuG lawsuits) so I informed the BaFin of the Ministry of Finance about that. The BaFin wrote back to me that they are not responsible to deal with that but could not tell me who else it should it be if not the BaFin. The BaFin also gambles with the shareholder's money.
- I wrote an email to the Quatar Ministry of Finance that the value of the 17% Volkswagen securities they hold could "evaporize" as soon as the EU commission will start to deal with these issues. And then Quatar ran through Bruxelles with suitcases full of cash buying high-class EU politicians up to the Vice President of the EU paliament Eva Kaili. And it worked, the GD ENV of the EU commission declarated the PAH Benzo(a)pyren a "key pollutant" inside the "Clean Air Strategy" of the "Green Deal" but inside the EURO VII tailpipe emission control standards it is still missing. Only a declaration without any regulation of the main emission sources is worthless.
- I wrote an email to NRW Ministerpräsident Wüst what is going on inside the governmental and legal apparatus of NRW but he never reacted to that complaint.
- Then I experienced "uninvited visits" in our home during our absence. I had fixed small clear adhesive tapes at doors and drawers when we left the house. When we returned they were ripped off but I was not stupid enough to store all these evidences inside an abandoned home. During one of these "uninvited visits" the visitors must have placed that small metal cylinder into the slit of my sofa where I used to rest my head that triggered the "bulb" shortly afterwards.
- When I realized that "sunburned" area at my head Angela and me decided to escape from Germany. So we jumped into a car with the first destination in Greece. When we arrived at the Croatian border the Border Patrol stopped us when my car was reported "stolen" by the german Bundespolizei. I could show the keys, the car documents and the service and restoration history to the Officers when it was a 28 years old youngtimer in a perfect condition. The Officers tried to receive an answer from Germany what strange kind of a "car theft" this should be?! Usually car thieves don't steal 28 years old youngtimers and present the keys and documents. They did it the whole night through and the next day but Germany never answered. Finally they had to arrest the car for further clarification and we returned home by bus. I filed a criminal complaint for false accusation but as usual the german police never reacted in any way. 15 months later my "stolen" car is still standing at the Croatian border.
- Back in Germany I sold 2 of my sportscars to avoid that they might also be reported as "stolen" and we escaped Germany again by bus and train. We travelled Italy and Greece first but in Greece the "bulb" at my head starts to grow with rapid speed and I needed urgent medical treatment. Fortunately, the period of radiation must have been too short and the doctors in Greece managed to save my life with dozens of injections into my head and harsh "milkings" of the "bulb". It took many weeks to recover but I am still alive.

- One of my best Allies was my sister Steffi. She was the office manager of the lawfirm which is "the lawyer of trust" of the VW/Audi dealership association. She retired but her boss kept a close contact with her. He knew all the facts from the beginning. Steffi permanently supported me with legal advise and money and spreat my news into her network and shared it with local politicians. Exactly when I detected the cylinder in my sofa she felt ill by a very aggressive cancer of her bladder and pelvic bones. She was a "threat" like me and died in the same week my "bulb" cracked in Greece.
- Then we moved to Bulgaria and I continued my research regarding the knowledge of the german government back until 1941 (climate change) and 1972 (air pollution by SVHC).
 Today my dossiers even include the old MfS (Stasi) reports of politicians like chancellor Olaf Scholz.
- The bigger picture shows that the german government knows everything in detail and verified by their own scientific departments and consultants about the climate change issue, the SVHC air pollution issue, the micro- and nanoplastic issue, the chemical pollution issue and the not existing worker's safety issue since decades. But all these complexes are greenwashed or masured with inadequate methods and procedures. The result are all the mega problems of our time putting our common future at risk. But the sources of pollution are completely greenwashed and the industrial pollutors enjoy a protected playground while their victims, the environmentalists, climate activists, whistleblowers and HRDs suffer lifethreatening attacks and become expropriated when they complain or protest. Our they become accused to be a "criminal organisation" or arrested. These are once again the methods of the red or brown dictatorships we had in Germany before. But today it is a "Dictatorship of transnational corporations" in conspiracy with dysfunctional governments performing organized governmental failure to be an "attractive" location for industrial business and production.
- When we returned to Germany we experienced the next theft of our money and walllet immediately at the Leipzig train station. So I went to the Bundespolizei and found out that I became "a white sheet of paper" inside their database. It was exactly the same Bundespolizei who had accused me that I had stolen my own car a couple of months before. They sent me to the police of Saxony. Also in their computer database I was "a white sheet of paper" now and all the criminal complaints were "evaporized". Without money and passport we did not receive any help by any governmental institution. So we spent 3 month inside the "Army of the homeless" around the Leipzig train station until an old friend of mine picked us up and provided us with money and a place in his house. Of course, Angela's and my applications for social care "evaporize" again and again and we cannot pay back the money to my friend.

The whistleblower fighting by the german government continues with all the weapons they got trying to silence us at all cost. But we have to talk about about both the 1.5°C temperature increase by GHG emissions and the 1.500 premature deaths per day alone in Europe by SVHC emissions as a result of the combustion process by burning fossil fuels. And the we have to talk about all the "protected playgrounds" for criminal industrial cartels on german territory.

"Only the propaganda of a law-based democracy is a completely inadequate weapon to win the global challenges of our era!"

"Policymaking must always align with the physical facts – otherwise it is worthless!" quote by Prof. Erem. Schellnhuber (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research)

The essential difference between the USA and Europe is that we got a "shift of paradigm" inside the US justice and the US Attorneys General of numerous US states start to hold the pepetrators of the car, fuel and plastic cartels accountable for all the irreversible mass damages by greenwashing while exactly the same perpetrators and cartels still enjoy "a protected playground" in Europe for exactly the same accusations, crimes and mass damages. It is a bizarre joke that US Attorneys General run big lawsuits with exactly the same complaints and evidences I used but in Germany they all "evaporize" at the resonsible prosecutors.

There is not a single lawsuit existing by any EU Attorneys General or any other EU nation governmental authority dealing with these crimes at a court. The civil sector and NGOs have to fight climate change in the courts all alone and without any governmental support. Instead, the EU governments "host" and protect these cartels, accept all the damages they cause, help to greenwash the pollution, their sources and their damages and prefer to face lawsuits with the accusation to violate human rights at the ECfHR instead.

Until today, these "climate lawsuits" are only focussed on global warming by GHG emissions. The focus on SVHC emissions and their impact to human life and health, the growing cancer burden and decreasing fertility will deliver a much harder legal "punch" in the courtrooms when the protection of human life and health is the highest legal value in all our legal systems and the government(s) have a specified duty to protect their people's life and health.

- (b) Clearly specify how the alleged persecution, penalization or harassment is related to the exercise by the alleged victim(s) of their rights under the Convention.
- (c) Provide a chronology of the events, actions or measures that it is alleged constitute persecution, penalization or harassment of the alleged victim(s) for seeking to exercise their rights under the Convention.

See first chapter for chronology, the whitleblower fighting and crime protetion.

Explanatory note:

It is important to attach to the complaint any available supporting documentation that substantiates:

- (a) The events, actions or measures (e.g. relevant legislation or court judgments) that it is alleged constitute persecution, penalization or harassment of the alleged victim(s).
- (b) That the alleged persecution, penalization or harassment is related to the exercise by the alleged victim(s) of their rights under the Convention.

All documentation should be provided in the **original language**, together with a **good quality English translation** thereof, or if that is not possible, a good quality translation in French or Russian.

Has the alleged persecution, penalization or harassment been reported to the relevant authorities of the Party concerned?

Yes

If yes, please specify when and to which authorities of the Party concerned.

05/2019: Criminal complaints for theft, espionage, white-collar crimes, tax fraud and 4 attempts to murder me with the Wesel Police and Duisburg Prosecutors.

06/2019: Manufacturer's prohibition to the VW brands, Mercedes-Benz and the BGHM.

06/2019: Reports to the BAuA of the BMAS and the BfV.

06/2020: 2 Complaints at the DG COMP of the EU commission.

07/2020: Criminal complaint against H.Beckmann.

08/2020: Report to the VDA and VDIK.

01/2021: Complaint with the Attorney General of NRW against Wesel Police and Duisburg prosecutors for crime protective behaviour.

02/2021: Complaint at the NRW tax fraud inspectors.

07/2021: Complaint to the Bundeskartellamt (car cartel).

08/2021: Complaint at the SG-Plaintes of the EU commission.

11/2021: Letter to Bundespräsident Steinmeier.

12/2021: Criminal complaints at the NRW Attorney General.

01/2022: Complaint to the BaFin (car cartel).

07/2022: (Private) letter to VW-CEO Diess who dropped his job at VW AG immediately.

07/2022: Information to the new VW-CEO Blume regarding all the violations of law.

09/2022: Criminal complaint with the Hamburg (Shell) and Berlin (EN2X) prosecutors (fuel cartel).

11/2022: Detection of the "uninvited visits" and the metal cylinder in my sofa.

12/2022: First escape from Germany / bizarre "car theft" of my own car.

02/2023: Second escape by bus and train.

07/2023: Return to Germany / Robbery at the Leipzig train station.

08/2023: Criminal complaints at the Leipzig police against Porsche Leipzig.

09/2023 – until today: Finding out that all existing criminal complaints and cases and all my personal data inside all governmental databases became deleted as if I or the cases never existed.

Has the Party concerned taken action to prevent or investigate the alleged persecution, penalization or harassment, to punish the alleged perpetrators, or to provide compensation to the alleged victim(s)?

No.

If yes, please specify which actions have been taken by the Party concerned and when.

V. Consent of the alleged victim(s) to the submission of the complaint

Explanatory note:

The Special Rapporteur will not be able to take up the complaint unless the person(s) or organization(s) subject to the alleged persecution, penalization or harassment have consented to the complaint being submitted.

Whenever possible, the written consent of the alleged victim(s) to the submission of the complaint should be attached to the complaint at the time that it is submitted. (Important: If the written consent of the alleged victim(s) is not attached to the complaint, this will necessarily delay the Special Rapporteur acting on the complaint, since he or she will not be able to take up the complaint until the written consent of the alleged victim(s), or their representative, has been obtained.)

Check the relevant box below concerning the consent of the alleged victim(s) to the submission of this complaint to the Aarhus Convention's Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders.

X The written consent of each alleged victim named in the complaint is attached to the complaint.

The written consent of the alleged victim(s) cannot be obtained (for example, because the alleged victims have been subject to enforced disappearance), but the written consent of an immediate family member or legal representative of each alleged victim named in the complaint is attached to the complaint.

VI. Consent of the alleged victim(s) to the disclosure of their identity

Explanatory note:

Information submitted to the Special Rapporteur will be kept confidential unless the complainant explicitly waives the right to confidentiality. However, maintaining the confidentiality of the identity of the alleged victims may impact upon the Special Rapporteur's ability to perform his or her functions.³

Accordingly, unless disclosure of their identity may put them at serious risk of further persecution, penalization or harassment, the consent of each alleged victim to the disclosure of their identity as described in point (a) below, and preferably points (b) - (e) also, should be attached to the complaint.

Whenever possible, the written consent of the alleged victim(s) to the disclosure of their identity should be attached to the complaint at the time that it is submitted.

Does each of the alleged victims consent to the disclosure of their identity as follows:

(a) To have their name(s) disclosed in any correspondence regarding this complaint with the Party concerned?⁴

Yes

(b) To have their name(s) disclosed in any correspondence regarding this complaint with intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, businesses, military or security companies?⁵

Yes

(c) To the disclosure of their name(s) by the Special Rapporteur in the media, including social media, in order to draw attention to the alleged violation(s) and their need for protection?

Yes

See decision VII/9, annex, para. 5.

See decision VII/9, annex, para. 6 (d).

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See decision VII/9, annex, para. 6 (e).

(d) To the disclosure of their name(s) in any correspondence, documents or information regarding this complaint that may be posted on the website of the Aarhus Convention?

Yes

(e) To the disclosure of their name(s) in reports by the Special Rapporteur to the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention and in any referral that may be made by the Special Rapporteur to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee?

Yes

VII. Additional requests for confidentiality

Clearly highlight any information contained in the complaint, besides the identity of the complainant or alleged victim(s), for which confidentiality is requested.

Briefly specify in the box below why the confidentiality of that information is requested.

Any kind of confidentiality is NOT required or requested when these cases are all official cases.

VIII. Use of other international procedures

Has a complaint regarding the alleged persecution, penalization or harassment described in the present complaint been submitted to any other Special Rapporteur and/or international human rights court or procedure?

No, except an overview. A lawsuit at the ECfHR is in preparation, the crowdfunding started.

If yes, please specify to which other Special Rapporteurs and/or international human rights courts or procedures a complaint has been submitted, and on which date. Please also specify what, if any, actions have to date been taken by each procedure.

Email dated 05.10.2023 to SR Ms. Lawlor at sr-hrc-defenders@un.org without reply yet.

IX. Signature

Sign and date the complaint. If the complaint is submitted by an organization or a Party to the Convention, a person authorized to sign on behalf of that organization or Party must sign it.

Bernd Himmelreich System Angela Timmer

X. Sending the complaint

Send the complaint by email to the following address: <u>Aarhus-EnvDefenders@un.org</u>

Clearly indicate in the subject line of the email: Complaint to the Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders.