

**Article 7: Public Information**

1. Each Party shall ensure that its laws, regulations, and administrative rulings of general application respecting a matter covered by this Agreement are made available to the public in a timely manner.
2. To the extent possible, each Party shall publish or otherwise make available in advance a law or regulation that it proposes to adopt, so as to enable the other Party or those interested to provide comments.

**Article 8: Private Access to Remedies**

1. Each Party shall ensure that interested persons residing in or established in its territory may request its competent authorities to investigate alleged violations of its environmental law and shall give these requests due consideration in accordance with its law.
2. Each Party shall ensure that persons with a legally recognized interest in a particular matter under its environmental law have appropriate access to proceedings:
  - (a) to enforce the Party's environmental law; and
  - (b) to seek redress for violations of that law.

**Article 9: Procedural Guarantees**

1. Each Party shall ensure that its proceedings referred to in Articles 4(2) (Compliance with and Enforcement of Environmental Law) and 8(2) (Private Access to Remedies) are fair, and equitable, and to this end shall provide that these proceedings:
  - (a) comply with due process of law;
  - (b) are open to the public, except when the administration of justice otherwise requires;
  - (c) entitle the parties to the proceedings to support or defend their respective positions and to present information or evidence; and
  - (d) are not unnecessarily complicated and do not entail unreasonable charges or time limits, or unwarranted delays.
2. Each Party shall provide that final decisions on the merits of the case in these proceedings are:
  - (a) in writing and, preferably, state the reasons on which the decisions are based;