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Dear Ms. Grinevice,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning  
decision-making on establishment of a landfill in Kazokiskes  
(Ref. ACCC/C/2006/16)**

On 16 March 2006, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received a communication from a Lithuanian non-governmental organization, Association Kazokiskes Community, addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention regarding compliance by Lithuania with certain provisions of the Convention. The communication was submitted in accordance with the provisions of chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

Please find enclosed a copy of the communication, which is being forwarded to you at the request of the Committee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 22 of the annex to decision I/7. The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2006/16, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter.

The Committee, having considered the communication, has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. A copy of the preliminary determination on admissibility is attached. Please note, however, that the Committee has not reached any conclusions with respect to the compliance issues referred to in the communication.

In order to facilitate further consideration of the communication, the Committee has requested the secretariat to invite you to comment on the subject matter of the communication. Having regard to paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7, you are kindly invited to submit to the Committee, as soon as possible but at the latest within five

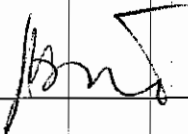
months of this letter, any written explanations or statements clarifying the matter referred to in the communication and describing any response that may have been made in the mean time.

Should you also wish to address any of the questions raised at the request of the Committee in the letter to the communicant, a copy of the letter is attached for your information.

For further details and information on the compliance mechanism under the Convention, including decision I/7, the Committee's modus operandi and the Committee's Information Sheet on Communications from the Public, you may wish to consult the website of the Compliance Committee at [www.unece.org/env/pp/compliance.htm](http://www.unece.org/env/pp/compliance.htm).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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p.p. Jeremy Wates  
Secretary

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Cc: Permanent Mission of Lithuania to the United Nations and other specialised agencies in Geneva

Mr. Ulrich Salburg

Ms. Ramunė Dulevičienė

Incl. Communication ACCC/C/2006/16, including summary and six supporting documents  
Preliminary determination on admissibility  
Copy of the letter to Mr. U. Salburg and Ms. R. Dulevičienė representing  
Association Kazokiskes Community