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Dear Mr. Alge,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Slovakia with the access to justice provisions of the Convention in connection with the extension of the Mochovce nuclear power plant (ACCC/C/2013/89)

On 10 June 2013, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received from you the above communication addressed to the Compliance Committee under the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Slovakia with the access to justice provisions of the Convention in general and also in connection with the extension of the Mochovce nuclear power plant; it also includes allegations of non-compliance with the public participation provisions of the Convention due to a recent amendment of the nuclear laws restricting access to public information for planned nuclear activities. 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.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2013/89, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. The main documentation relating to the communication will be shortly available on the Committee's web site at: <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/pubcom.htm>.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its forty-first meeting (25-28 June 2013), 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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Enc. Preliminary determination on admissibility
Datasheet on the communication