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Mr Ferenc Tibor Zsák
Debrecen
Hungary

Dear Mr. Zsák,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by
Hungary in connection with public participation in decision-making on an industrial park
(ACCC/C/2014/109)**

In my letter of 14 April 2015, I informed you that at its forty-eighth meeting (Geneva, 24-27 March 2015), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee had determined that your communication was admissible on a preliminary basis with respect to the allegations concerning article 3, paragraph 8 of the Convention. The Committee, however, found that all other allegations were inadmissible under paragraph 20(d) in conjunction with paragraph 19 of the annex to decision I/7, for lack of corroborating information, since your communication failed to link those allegations to the provisions of the Convention and to provide relevant information that would enable the Committee duly to examine those allegations.

At its fifty-third meeting (Geneva, 21-24 June 2016), the Compliance Committee agreed to send further questions regarding the allegations concerning article 3, paragraph 8 of the Convention to you for your response. Specifically, the Compliance Committee asks you to reply to the following questions:

1. Please clarify whether you allege that the applicable Hungarian law (described in the Party concerned's response) fails to implement article 3, paragraph 8, and if so why.
2. Please explain how your prosecution and conviction for bribery is inconsistent with article 3, paragraph 8, of the Convention. Please provide relevant evidence to support your explanation.

The Committee would be very grateful to receive your replies to the above questions on or before **Thursday, 20 October 2016**. Please send your response to aarhus.compliance@unece.org, copying the Party concerned. The Party concerned will then have until **Thursday, 3 November 2016** to provide the Committee with any comments it wishes to make on your response. The Committee will consider the information received by the above deadlines when deciding how to proceed with respect to the communication.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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