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Dear Mr. Braliev,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee alleging failure by Kazakhstan to develop regulation on public participation (Ref. ACCC/C/2007/20)**

You will recall that you were copied on a letter dated 22 June 2007 sent on behalf of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee to Mr. Kuratov of Green Salvation concerning the above communication. The communication concerned compliance by Kazakhstan with the provisions of article 3, paragraph 1, and article 9, paragraph 3, of the Convention.

The Committee discussed the communication again at its seventeenth meeting (26-28 September 2007) and confirmed its earlier decision that while the communication might be admissible, the matters raised in it could be addressed within the context of the strategy being developed by your Government to implement the recommendations contained in Decision II/5a. As you know, the Government of Kazakhstan is required to report to the Meeting of the Parties, through the Compliance Committee, on measures taken in response to Decision II/5a.

The Committee's intention in proposing this approach was to find the most constructive and streamlined way of addressing the issues raised therein, taking into account that several other communications have been submitted concerning Kazakhstan. The communicant acknowledged receipt of the letter but has thus far not commented on the substance of it.

In the absence of any such comment, the Committee at its recent meeting did not consider it necessary to invite the Government of Kazakhstan to respond to the

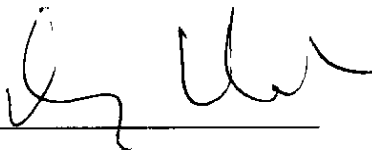
communication in accordance with paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7. However, should you have any comments at this stage which you would wish the Committee to take into consideration at its eighteenth meeting (28-30 November 2007), please communicate them to the Committee via the secretariat in advance of the Committee's next meeting and at the latest by 9 November 2007.

The Committee therefore wishes to invite the Government of Kazakhstan to address the substantive issues raised in the communication in its report submitted pursuant to Decision II/5a.

At the same time, the Committee wishes to emphasize the importance of such a report being developed in a transparent and participatory manner, and to remind you that given that the third meeting of the Parties has now been scheduled to take place on 11-13 June 2008, the report from the Government of Kazakhstan is due to be submitted to the Committee at the latest by 11 February 2008.

Copies of our letter to Mr. Kuratov of 22 June 2006 and communication ACCC/C/2007/20 are attached here again for your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Wates', written over a horizontal line.

Jeremy Wates  
Secretary

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

Cc: Mr Sergey Kuratov, Green Salvation