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Dear Ms. Akopova,

**Re: Draft Report on Compliance by Turkmenistan with  
its obligations under the Aarhus Convention**

Please find enclosed a draft report on compliance by Turkmenistan with its obligations under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) and its implementation of the recommendations in decision II/5c of the Meeting of the Parties.

The report has been prepared by the Compliance Committee for submission to the Meeting of the Parties following the Committee's review of the status of implementation by Turkmenistan of the recommendations contained in decision II/5c of the Meeting of the Parties.

It is envisaged that, once finalized, the enclosed report will be issued in the form of an addendum to the Committee's general report to the Meeting of the Parties.

The Committee agreed that it would forward this draft for comment to the Party concerned, as well as to the communicant whose submission and communication initially triggered the review of compliance by the Party concerned.

Taking into account the very tight deadlines for finalizing all the documentation being prepared for the third meeting of the Parties, the Committee agreed that the comments should be provided within five working days of circulation of the drafts. We would therefore appreciate if you could provide your comments, if any, by **14 April 2008**.

Following this, the Chair, in consultation with the curator and with the assistance of the secretariat, will draw up a proposal for dealing with the comments, if any, received from the Party concerned or the communicant whose communication initially triggered the review of compliance, whereupon the Committee will finalise and adopt the draft using its e-mail decision-making procedure.

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

Yours sincerely,

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

Jeremy Wates  
Secretary

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and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Encl. Draft report on compliance by Turkmenistan