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To: Mr. Gavrosh Zela

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Dear Mr. Zela,

Re: Decision III/6a of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention concerning compliance by Albania with its obligations under the Convention

Hereby I would like to draw your attention to decision III/6a adopted by the Parties to the Aarhus Convention at their third meeting on 13 June 2008 in Riga, Latvia, concerning compliance by Albania with its obligations under the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2/Add.9). The decision was adopted in accordance with article 15 of the Convention and decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties on review of compliance. An advance copy of decision III/6a is enclosed.

The report of the third meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2) and its addenda are available on the website (www.unece.org/env/pp/mop3/mop3,docV.htm).

The Compliance Committee at its twenty-first meeting (17-19 September 2008) considered the decisions of the third meeting of the Parties concerning compliance by individual Parties, inter alia, in connection with its obligation to report on their implementation to the next meeting of the Parties. The Committee requested the secretariat to send a reminder to each of the Parties concerned, highlighting, in particular, the relevant deadlines and the kinds of information to be provided to the Committee.

In this regard, I would like to draw your attention to paragraph 5 of decision III/5a through which the Meeting of the Parties invited the Government of Albania to submit to the Committee periodically, namely in November 2008, November 2009 and November 2010, information on the progress in implementing the recommendations set out in paragraph 4 of the decision.

You are therefore invited to provide to the Committee the relevant information at the latest by 30 November 2008.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (<u>public.participation@unece.org</u>) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Wates

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

Cc: Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations Offices in Geneva

Encl: Decision III/6a of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention concerning compliance by Albania with its obligations under the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2/Add.9)