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To:

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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

At its twenty-third meeting (31 March - 3 April 2009), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee took note of the progress report submitted by the Government of Albania on 30 January 2009 pursuant to paragraph 5 of decision III/6a of the Meeting of the Parties.

While expressing its regret at the failure of Albania to submit the report within the deadline prescribed in decision III/6a, the Committee expressed its general satisfaction at the content of the report, which it considers reflects genuine efforts resulting in significant progress.

The Committee looks forward to receiving the next progress report pursuant to decision III/6a from your Government in November 2009.

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 (Aarhus Convention)

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