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> **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe** To the Director of the Environment Division

Mr Marco Keiner

Copy: Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Concerning the enclosed information

Dear Mr Keiner

Please find enclosed written responses to the questions put to the Republic of Belarus by the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee ('the Committee') during the telephone conference held on 26 September 2013, with further information on practical measures taken by Belarus on this issue.

As previously agreed, we would further like to request that the Committee send the Republic of Belarus its comments on the draft Law to introduce amendments and additions to some laws of the Republic of Belarus with regard to environmental protection, and also to public participation in environmentally significant decision-making and public access to environmental information and on the draft Regulations for the conduct of public discussions on environmental decision-making, indicating the deadline for the Republic of Belarus to submit the final, revised version of the above-mentioned documents to the Committee.

Attached: 4 pages in one copy

Yours sincerely,

V.V. Kulik

First Deputy Minister

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