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Dear Ms. Plesnikova,

**Re: Decision IV/9e of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention**

As you are aware, at its fourth session (Chisinau, 29 June-1 July 2011), the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention adopted decision IV/9e on compliance by Slovakia with its obligations under the Convention.

At its thirty-sixth meeting (27-30 March 2012), the Committee welcomed the comprehensive report you submitted on 1 December 2011. It also noted the additional information provided by Oekobuero. In that respect, the Committee recalled that the Aarhus Convention compliance mechanism was not a remedy mechanism and requested that the communicant provide a more precise evaluation and analysis of the Party's report.

At the same meeting, your representative mentioned that you would provide translations of the annexes to your report shortly and suggested that experts could be present at the Committee's next meeting to provide clarification to the Committee, as needed. The Committee welcomed this initiative and agreed that it would be useful, after receiving comments from the communicant, to discuss the follow-up with both parties at its thirty-seventh meeting (26-29 June 2012).

You are now reminded to submit the necessary translations, as suggested. Whether a discussion with representatives of the Party concerned and the communicant will take place at the Committee's thirty-seventh meeting depends in particular on whether the Committee receives the requested information well in advance of that meeting, i.e. no later than 5 June 2012.

In the meantime, the Committee has also received additional information from you on 3 May 2012.

If you require clarification of any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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