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Excellency,

**Re: Decision IV/9h of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention)**

I refer to decision IV/9h (enclosed) on compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters ("Aarhus Convention") that was adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its fourth session (Chisinau, 29 June-1 July 2011). I also refer to the letter by the UNECE Executive Secretary of 14 August 2012.

Through paragraph 10 of decision IV/9h, the Meeting of the Parties invited Ukraine to submit to the Committee in November 2012 detailed information on further progress in implementing the measures referred to in decision II/5b of the Meeting of the Parties.

You are now invited to submit the required information no later than **30 November 2012**. The report should include detailed information on the progress achieved with the legislative process, including the English translation of the Law "On amending certain laws of Ukraine in connection to implementation of the Convention on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context" and/or any other legal acts adopted with a view to implementing the measures requested by the Meeting of the Parties in decision II/5b.

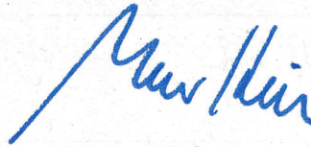
At its thirty-ninth meeting (Geneva, 11-14 December 2012), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee will evaluate the progress undertaken and consider further steps to be taken.

His Excellency  
Mr. Eduard Stavitskiy  
Minister for Ecology and Natural Resources  
of Ukraine  
Kyiv

You are invited to contact the secretariat if you require any clarification regarding the above.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure: Decision IV/9h of the Meeting of the Parties on compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention