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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).

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.

At its thirty-ninth meeting (11-14 December 2012), the Committee recalled that Ukraine had been expected to provide detailed information on the progress achieved with the legislative process, including the translation of the new law "On amending certain laws of Ukraine in connection to implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context" into English by 30 November 2012. The Committee noted that Ukraine had submitted the requested information by the deadline, but that there appeared to be no significant progress, since the law was not in force yet.

At its fortieth meeting (25-28 March 2013), the Committee will evaluate the situation in greater detail and will consider further steps to be taken.

His Excellency Mr. Oleg Proskuryakov 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, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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