



Executive Secretary
Under-Secretary-General

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Excellency,

With reference to decision V/9d concerning compliance by Bulgaria with its obligations under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention), adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its fifth session (Maastricht, the Netherlands, 29 June–1 July 2014), I have the honour to forward to you a review examining the progress made by Bulgaria in implementing decision V/9d to date.

The review was sent to the National Focal Point of Bulgaria on 3 January 2017.

I would like to draw your particular attention to paragraphs 59–61 of the enclosed progress review, setting out the Committee's conclusions regarding the extent to which the requirements of decision V/9d have been met thus far. Please note, as mentioned in paragraph 59 of the review, that unless the Party demonstrates a clear intention to address the outstanding issues, the Committee may recommend to the Meeting of the Parties at its sixth session (Budva, Montenegro, 11-14 September 2017) that a caution be issued.

Taking into account the progress reports and other information received by the deadline mentioned in the review, the Committee will prepare the relevant sections of its draft report to the Meeting of the Parties.

His Excellency
Mr. Daniel Mitrov
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Sofia

On behalf of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, I would like to express the willingness of the secretariat to work with the Government of Bulgaria in meeting its obligations under the Aarhus Convention. Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (aarhus.compliance@unece.org) if you require any further information.

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



Christian Friis Bach

Enclosure

cc: Her Excellency, Ms. Ivelina Vasileva, Minister of Environment and Water of Bulgaria
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