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**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION**  
**FOR EUROPE**  
**Environment Division**  
**Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee**  
**Ms. Fiona Marshall, Secretary**  
Palais des Nations  
CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland

**SUBJECT: Decision V/9e concerning compliance by Croatia with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention – Croatian second progress report**

Dear Ms Marshall,

Decision V/9e concerning compliance by Croatia with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention invites Croatia to submit periodically detailed information to the Compliance Committee on further progress in implementing recommendations related to the implementation of article 7 in setting transparent national framework.

In December 2014 Croatia submitted its first progress report and following that we are now submitting second progress report to the Compliance Committee on the measures undertaken with regard to non-compliance of Croatia with the provisions of the Aarhus Convention.

Compliance Committee prepared the First progress review on the implementation of decision V/9e on compliance by Croatia and in chapter (IV. Conclusions) asked for more detailed progress report. The response is as follows:

(a) and (b)

The Act on Sustainable Waste Management (Official Gazette 94/13) in Article 22 prescribes public participation in the development of waste management plans of local self-government units.

*Article 22*

*(1) The draft Plan and the draft waste management plans of units of local self-government and of the City of Zagreb shall be made public so as to obtain public opinion, proposals and comments.*

*(2) The Ministry, or local self-government units and the City of Zagreb shall inform the public via mass media of where to access the draft Plan and the draft waste management plans of local self-government units and the City of Zagreb, respectively, and of how and when to submit their opinion, proposals or comments.*

*(3) The period during which the public can express their comments, proposals and opinions shall not be less than 30 days from the date of publication.*

- (c) In accordance with the Environmental Protection Act all waste management plans and programmes at the local level, hence of local self-government units, are subject to the preparation of strategic environmental assessment, therefore there are no exceptions.

In addition to this we would like to inform you that new Waste Management Plan of the Republic of Croatia for the period 2015-2021 is in process of drafting. Once adopted by the Government of the Republic of Croatia pursuant to the Act on Sustainable Waste Management all local self-government units must in accordance with the national Plan prepare their local waste management plans taking into account the previously mentioned procedures related to public participation during development of plans.

Sincerely yours,



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