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Ref: Decision V/9e

11 April 2016

Ms. Branka Pivcevic Novak,
Department for General Environmental Policy
Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection
Zagreb
Croatia

Dear Ms. Novak,

**Re: Decision V/9e concerning compliance by Croatia
with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention**

At its fifty-second meeting (Geneva, 8-11 March 2016), the Compliance Committee prepared its second progress review of decision V/9e concerning compliance by Croatia in closed session, taking into account the Party concerned's second progress report and the comments received from observers present at the meeting.

The Committee expressed its regret, that despite invitation, the Party concerned did not participate in the audio conference scheduled to discuss the implementation of decision V/9e in open session during the meeting. The Committee agreed to request the secretariat to write to the Party concerned to invite it to provide some further information with respect to the implementation of decision V/9e and to finalize its second progress review at its next virtual meeting, to be held in early May 2016.

Further to the Committee's above request, I write to invite you to provide the following further information:

- In accordance with the reference in paragraph 3 of decision V/9e to “a transparent framework”, evidence that the requirements for public participation laid down in article 22 of the Act on Sustainable Waste Management are readily accessible for the public, and in particular, to provide the link(s) to the relevant pages of the Ministry and/or municipalities' websites, where these requirements are described (in Croatian);
- With respect to paragraph 10 of the Committee's first progress review, the Croatian text of Article 22 of the Act on Sustainable Waste Management (Official Gazette 94/113);
- With respect to paragraph 12 of the Committee's first progress review, the text of the relevant provisions of the Environmental Protection Act in which it is stipulated that all waste management plans and programmes at the local level shall be subject to strategic environmental assessment. Please provide both the original Croatian text, together with an English translation thereof.

If it would be possible to receive the information requested above by **Monday 25 April 2016**, the Committee would be able to take the information provided into account when finalizing its second progress review on the implementation of decision V/9e.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
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