Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic

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Ref: Decision V/9f concerning compliance by Czech Republic with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention; First progress review of the implementation of decision V/9f on compliance by Czech Republic with its obligations under the Convention

Dear Ms. Marshall,

In accordance with paragraph 8 of decision V/9f, the Czech Republic is requested to provide its second progress report on the measures taken in the implementation of the recommendations set out in that decision. As we informed the Compliance Committee in the first progress report, the objections of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee and those of the European Commission were dully taken into account in preparation of the new version of the Czech EIA Act (Act No. 100/2001 Coll.). The amendment (Act No. 39/2015 Coll.) came into force on 1 April 2015 and brings far-reaching changes of the conceptual model of the EIA procedure in the Czech Republic. Czech version of this EIA Act is available on the web page of the Ministry of the Environment; the English translation is currently being prepared.

We welcome the First progress review of the implementation of decision V/9f on compliance by Czech Republic with its obligations under the Convention, received on 20 October 2015. We will send our statement to the conclusions of the review as well as information required in the part IV Conclusions by the 31 December 2015, as requested.

Sincerely,

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Enc: Act No. 100/2001 Coll., Czech version

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