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Dear Ms. Malkina,

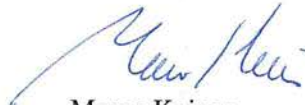
**Re: Decision VI/8c concerning compliance by Belarus  
with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention**

Please find **enclosed** the Committee's first progress review on the implementation of decision VI/8c concerning compliance by Belarus. The Committee's first progress review examines the progress made by Belarus to implement decision VI/8c to date, based on Belarus' first progress report and other submissions, as well as the comments received from a communicant.

I also take this opportunity to inform you that the Committee proposes to hold an open session on decision VI/8c on Wednesday, 13 March 2019, during its upcoming 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting (Geneva, 11-15 March 2019) to discuss any questions or comments that the Party concerned, communicants and observers may have on the Committee's first progress review. We look forward to the participation of representatives of Belarus in the session.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva  
European ECO Forum, communicant of communication ACCC/C/2009/44  
Public Association "Ecohome", communicant of communication ACCC/C/2014/102

Enclosure: Committee's first progress review on the implementation of decision VI/8c concerning compliance by Belarus