

20 November 2019

Mr. Dowran Yagmyrov
State Committee on Environmental Protection and Land Resources
Ashgabad, Turkmenistan

Dear Mr. Yagmyrov,

**Re: ACCC/M/2017/2 concerning compliance by Turkmenistan
with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention**

At its sixty-fifth meeting (Geneva, 4-8 November 2019), the Compliance Committee took note of the failure by Turkmenistan to submit its second progress report on paragraph 19 of decision VI/8 by the requested deadline of 1 October 2019. The Committee accordingly instructed me to write to you to request Turkmenistan to submit its second progress report as a matter of urgency.

As you may recall, in her letter of 27 August 2019, the UNECE Executive Secretary drew the attention of His Excellency, Mr. Rashid Meredov, the Deputy Chair of the Cabinet of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan to paragraph 66 of the Committee's supplementary first progress review of the implementation of paragraph 19 of decision VI/8, therein enclosed, in which the Committee invited Turkmenistan to submit a second progress report by 1 October 2019 on the progress it had made by that date to implement paragraph 19 of decision VI/8.

Since Turkmenistan failed to provide its second progress report on 1 October 2019 as requested, in order that the Committee can still take into consideration any measures Turkmenistan has to date taken to implement paragraph 19 of decision VI/8, the Committee has requested that Turkmenistan submit its second progress report as a matter of urgency, and by **Tuesday, 10 December 2019** at the latest.

We would like to bring to your attention that, as the UNECE Executive Secretary explained in her letter of 27 August 2019, should Turkmenistan demonstrate to the Committee by 1 October 2020 that it is fully in compliance with respect to the matters within the scope of paragraph 19 of decision VI/8, the Committee will report that fact to the Meeting of the Parties in advance of its seventh session in 2021. There would then be no need for a decision on those points to be adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (aarhus.compliance@un.org) if you have any questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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