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RE : "Communication to the Compliance Committee on the Protocol on Water and Health"

Dear Co-Secretary of the Protocol on Water and Health,  
Dear Chairperson and Members of the Compliance Committee,

The State of Portugal acceded by approval to the London Protocol on Water and Health on 6th September 2006, after the entry into force of the Protocol in 2005.

To comply with the Protocol, Portugal has reported during the « pilot reporting cycle » in 2010 about its targets and target dates within the meaning of Article 6.

Unfortunately, in the second reporting cycle in 2013, Portugal has not submitted any report to the Meeting of the Parties, and is therefore not in compliance with its obligations under Article 6 and 7 of the Protocol.

By not reporting about its progress in setting and reaching its targets and estblishing response systems required under Articles 6 and 8, Portugal undermines its own capacity as well as for the public and for the international community to contribute to achieving Portugal's substantive goals to improve water management, protect water ecosystems, and control water-related disease.

We respectfully ask the Compliance Committee to investigate on this situation and, through its findings and conclusions, to request the State of Portugal to come into full compliance of all its obligations under the Protocol and to recommand any support that might be needed.

Best Regards

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