The Party concerned hereby answers the questions of the Compliance Committee, which were attached to the letter of the Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee from 11 April 2013.

**1) Chronology of events**

Please find the chronology of events in the attached document. The Party concerned and the Communicant agreed on the same version of the document.

**2) How were the operators informed to provide the necessary data for potential application by the Czech Republic for the exemption?**

The main source of information was Article 10a of the amended Act 695/2004, according to which the Czech Government was obliged to submit the Application for transitional free allocation to the European Commission and the Ministry of Environment was obliged to call by 31 October 2009 all electricity generators, who are holders of the greenhouse gas emissions permit, to submit requisite supporting documents for the preparation of the Application. The Ministry of Environment did so by means of a letter addressed to all electricity generators, holders of the emissions permit, dated from 22 October 2009. In addition to that simple guidelines with basic principles on how to submit the documents and what information should be included were published on web site of the Ministry of Environment.

The deadline for the submission of the documents by electricity generators was set by Article 10a of the Act 695/2004 for 31 March 2010. Pursuant to a change made to Article 10a of the Act 695/2004, the deadline was postponed to 30 June 2010.

After the European Commission Guidance document (2011/C 99/03) had been published in the Official Journal of the EU in the end of March 2011, the Ministry of Environment had to assess the requirements laid down in the Guidance and require additional information from the applying electricity generators by contacting them individually (by e-email or phone).

After the submission of the Application of the Czech Republic to the Commission in September 2011, the Commission insisted that all eligible operators must be included in the plan, even those who didn’t apply (who were not interested in applying for the transitional free allocation and didn’t submit relevant documents by 30 June 2010). This was essential for the correct calculation of the total amount of allocated allowances. To fulfil the requirement of the Commission the Ministry of Environment had to individually contact (by e-mail or phone) all the remaining eligible operators in order to gather from them the data needed.