18 January 2019

Genady Kondarev
Member of Managing Board
Za Zemiata
Bulgaria

Dear Mr. Kondarev,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Bulgaria with provisions of the Convention concerning public participation, access to justice and protection against penalization, persecution and harassment (ACCC/C/2018/161)

On 1 October 2018, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received from you the above communication addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Bulgaria with the provisions of the Convention concerning public participation, access to justice, and protection against penalization, persecution and harassment. The communication was submitted in accordance with the provisions of chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2018/161, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. All documentation relating to the communication is available on the Committee's web site at: http://www.unece.org/env/pp/cc/com.html.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its sixty-second meeting (Geneva, 5-9 November 2018), has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. A copy of the preliminary determination on admissibility is attached. Please note, however, that the Committee has not reached any conclusions with respect to the compliance issues referred to in the communication.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility