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Dear Ms. Sadvakasova,

Re: Decision III/6c of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention concerning compliance by Kazakhstan with its obligations under the Convention

Hereby I would like to draw your attention to decision III/6c adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention at its third session on 13 June 2008 in Riga, Latvia, concerning compliance by Kazakhstan with its obligations under the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2/Add.11).

At its twenty-ninth meeting (21-24 September 2010), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee considered the decision at issue, inter alia, in connection with the obligation of Kazakhstan to report to the Meeting of the Parties, through the Compliance Committee, six months before the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties (15-17 June 2011), on the measures taken in connection with bringing about full compliance with article 9 of the Convention and ensuring effective implementation of article 6, including, as appropriate, any further developments in the legislative framework and detailed procedures, and in particular, their practical application in connection with providing the public with various effective means of participation in decision-making, ensuring that due account is taken of the public comments and also that activities subject to article 6 of the Convention are not carried out prior to the completion of the corresponding permitting processes in which the required level of public participation has been provided for.

Please note that the Committee also asked the secretariat to prompt you to submit your report no later than 30 November 2010. The Committee will then review the progress made by Kazakhstan at its thirtieth meeting (14-17 December 2010) and prepare recommendations for consideration by the Meeting of the Parties at its fourth session in summer 2011.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (public.participation@unece.org) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,


Aphrodite Smagadi
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva