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**CONCERNING AN ACTION PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THE COMMITTEES
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dear Sir/Madam

Hereby we would like to inform you that the Ministry of Environment, having regard to Decision No. III/6 *On General Issues of Compliance* and Decision No III/6D *On Lithuania's Compliance with the Obligations under the Convention* taken during the meeting of the parties of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (hereinafter referred to as the Aarhus Convention) on 11-13 June in Riga, made a commitment to examine and assess the conclusions and decisions made by the Committee and where necessary develop a plan for the implementation of the aforementioned conclusions and decisions.

Please note that the Ministry of Environment has developed an Action Plan for the implementation of the decisions taken with respect to Lithuania during the third meeting of the parties to the Aarhus Convention. However, due to huge public interest and a big number of proposals submitted, the Ministry has prolonged public discussions.

In its letter No (17-2)-D8-9473 of 31 October 2008 the Ministry of Environment submitted to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania an Action Plan of the Implementation of Recommendations adopted during the Third Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (hereinafter referred to as the Action Plan), which was thoroughly discussed by the meeting of the Working Group set up by Decree No. 362 of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania on 1 October 2008.

Seeking to ensure the most effective and wide public information as well as public participation in developing the draft action plan for the implementation of the decisions taken during the third meeting of the parties to the Aarhus convention, information notices inviting the public to submit comments and proposals with regard to the aforementioned action plan was placed in the Lithuanian national press. Furthermore, the draft Government Resolution and the notice inviting the public to submit comments and proposals concerning the draft action plan were placed on the website of the Ministry of Environment.

The Ministry of Environment, having regard to the huge public interest and the proposals made to it, plans to resubmit the draft Action Plan for public consideration. Moreover, it plans to disseminate comprehensive information about the draft Action Plan inviting the general

public to take part in the consideration of the Action Plan and submit its remarks, proposals and comments related to this document.

In addition, plans are underway to organise a discussion of the Action Plan with the interested civil society organisations and the members of society who have submitted their remarks, proposals and comments about this paper. Following all the publicity procedures of the Action Plan and its adoption by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, we will submit it to you. By involving the public into the Action Plan development to the maximum, we seek to ensure full application of the Aarhus Convention in the national law. We anticipate your understanding and we hope to submit the Action Plan as soon as it becomes possible.

Faithfully yours,


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