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Dear Ms. Akopova,

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

Hereby I would like to draw your attention to decision III/6e adopted by the Parties to the Aarhus Convention at their third meeting on 13 June 2008 in Riga, Latvia, concerning compliance by Turkmenistan with its obligations under the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2/Add.13). The decision was adopted in accordance with article 15 of the Convention and decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties on review of compliance. An advance copy of decision III/6e is enclosed.

The report of the third meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2) and its addenda are available on the website ([www.unece.org/env/pp/mop3/mop3.docv.htm](http://www.unece.org/env/pp/mop3/mop3.docv.htm)).

The Compliance Committee at its twenty-first meeting (17-19 September 2008) considered the decisions of the third meeting of the Parties concerning compliance by individual Parties, inter alia, in connection with its obligation to report on their implementation to the next meeting of the Parties. The Committee requested the secretariat to send a reminder to each of the Parties concerned, highlighting, in particular, the relevant deadlines and the kinds of information to be provided to the Committee.

In this regard, I would like to draw your attention to paragraph 5 of decision III/6e through which the Meeting of the Parties decided to issue a caution to the Government of Turkmenistan, to become effective on 1 May 2009, unless the Government of Turkmenistan has fully satisfied the conditions set out in that paragraph and has notified the secretariat of this fact by 1 January 2009. The successful fulfilment of the specific conditions is to be established by the Committee.

The Meeting also invited the Government of Turkmenistan to submit to the Committee periodically, namely in November 2008, November 2009 and November 2010, detailed information on further progress in implementing the measures referred to in paragraph 5.


You are therefore invited to provide the relevant information to the Committee as follows:

- (1) at the latest by 30 November 2008 - detailed information on progress so far in implementing the measures referred to in paragraph 5 of decision III/6e (i.e. progress report);
- (2) at the latest by 1 January 2009 - official notification with substantive information on how Turkmenistan has fully satisfied the conditions set out in paragraph 5 of decision III/6e;
- (3) at the latest by 30 November 2009 and by 30 November 2010 - detailed information on progress in implementing the measures referred to in paragraph 5 of decision III/6e (i.e. progress reports).

You may also wish to consider the possibility of accommodating an expert mission with the involvement of Committee members and other experts, as suggested by the Meeting of the Parties through paragraph 7 of decision III/6e.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Cc: Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations in New York

Encl: Decision III/6e of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention concerning compliance by Turkmenistan with its obligations under the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2/Add.13)