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Attn. Ms. Victoria Akopova National Focal Point for the Aarhus Convention Ministry of Nature Protection 15 Bitarap Turkmenistan str. Ashgabad 744000, Turkmenistan Fax: + 9 93 12 39 31 84

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

With regard to our letter of 2 October 2008 concerning the above matter and at the request of the Compliance Committee, I would like to hereby draw your attention to the deadlines for submission of information to the Committee set out in 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).

The Compliance Committee at its twenty-second meeting (17-19 December 2008) noted with concern that no information on progress in implementing the decision had been provided to it in November 2008 pursuant to paragraph 7 of the decision. The Committee expressed its hope that the report would be submitted to it in the near future

I would also 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.

In this connection, we would like to remind you that the deadline for providing the information pursuant to paragraph 5 of decision III/6e expired on 1 January 2009. If such information has been sent but somehow got lost or delayed in transmission, you are kindly invited to let us know as soon as possible.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Wates

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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)

Copy of the letter from the secretariat dated 2 October 2008