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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**

With regard to our letters of 2 October 2008, 12 January 2009 and 27 January 2009 concerning the above matter and at the request of the Chairperson of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee, I would hereby like to inform you that at its upcoming 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting (31 March – 3 April 2009), the Committee will consider, pursuant to paragraph 5 of decision III/6e, whether the conditions set out in that paragraph have been successfully fulfilled.

In this regard, the Chairperson of the Committee has requested the secretariat to remind you that to date no information under paragraph 5 of decision III/6e has been received from the Government of Turkmenistan. In the event that no such information is forthcoming in advance of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Committee, the Committee will regretfully have no option but to conclude that the conditions set out in paragraph 5 of decision III/6e have not been fulfilled. This would mean that the caution to the Government of Turkmenistan issued through decision III/6e would become effective on 1 May 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.

The Chairperson has also requested the secretariat to convey to you that should the Government of Turkmenistan require any assistance or clarification in this matter, the Committee stands ready to provide it.

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)

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