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Dear Ms. Akopova,

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

On behalf of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee, I would like to thank you for the follow-up report on measures taken pursuant to decision III/6e dated 6 November 2009.

As you may be aware, the aforementioned report is going to be discussed by the Committee at its forthcoming twenty-sixth meeting (15-18 December 2009). The Committee will also discuss your Government's offer to host a mission for the Compliance Committee in Turkmenistan.

The Committee would be very grateful if you could provide in advance of its twenty-sixth meeting information on the concrete proposals for changes to the Act on Public Associations referred to in the report. The Committee looks forward to receiving this detailed information on further progress by the Government of Turkmenistan to implement the measures referred to in paragraph 5 of decision III/6e.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary, Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters