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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 Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention at its third session on 13 June 2008 in Riga, Latvia, concerning compliance by Turkmenistan with its obligations under the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2/Add.13).

At its twenty-seventh meeting (16-19 March 2010), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee reviewed any information provided by the Government of Turkmenistan on progress in implementing decision III/6e of the Meeting of the Parties. The Committee took note that the Government had failed to provide the draft revised Act on Public Associations by 1 February 2010 as requested by the Committee. Therefore, the Committee asked the secretariat to invite you to submit the aforementioned draft revised Act on Public Associations by 1 June 2010 so as to allow it to review the documentation at its next meeting (15-18 June 2010).

Also, I should like to take this opportunity to remind you to send your progress report by 30 November 2010. The Committee will then review the progress made by Turkmenistan at its thirtieth meeting (14-17 December 2010) and prepare recommendations for consideration by the Meeting of the Parties at its fourth session in summer 2011.

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

Yours sincerely,


Aphrodite Smagadi
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations