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Dear Mr. Ballyyev,

Re: Report on Compliance by Turkmenistan with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention

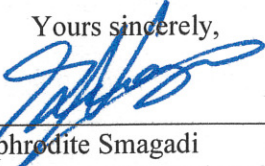
Further to the mission undertaken by members of the Compliance Committee on 18-19 April 2011 and on the basis of the information available and discussions with Government representatives and other stakeholders, the Compliance Committee has evaluated the progress made by Turkmenistan with regard to its implementation of decision III/6e of the Meeting of the Parties concerning compliance by Turkmenistan with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention and has prepared a draft report with recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties.

The draft report is now being forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration. Due to the tight deadline by which the report must be finalized for submission to the Meeting of the Parties, it would be appreciated if you would submit any comments, if you wish to do so, as soon as possible, but **no later than 20 May 2011**. Taking into account any comments received by the set date, the Committee will finalize and adopt its report with recommendations for submission to the Meeting of the Parties. If we do not receive any response from you by this date, the Committee will submit the report in its current form.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the excellent cooperation of the Ministry of Nature Protection with the members of the Compliance Committee and UNECE secretariat during the recent mission.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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