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Dear Ms. Goshovska and Ms. Zavalishyna,

Re: Decision III/6f of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention concerning compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention

As you know, at its twenty-first meeting (17-19 September 2008), the Compliance Committee considered the decisions of the third meeting of the Parties concerning compliance by individual Parties, inter alia, in connection with its obligation to report on their implementation to the next meeting of the Parties. The Committee requested the secretariat to send a reminder to all the Parties concerned, highlighting in particular the relevant deadlines and the kinds of information to be provided to the Committee.

In this connection, I hereby refer you to decision III/6f adopted by the Parties to the Aarhus Convention at their third meeting on 13 June 2008 in Riga, Latvia, concerning compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2/Add.14). The decision was adopted in accordance with article 15 of the Convention and decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties on review of compliance. An advance copy of decision III/6f is enclosed.

The report of the third meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2) and its addenda are available on the website (www.unece.org/env/pp/mop3/mop3.docv.htm).

In particular, I would like to draw your attention to paragraph 5 of decision III/6f through which the Meeting of the Parties decided to issue a caution to the Government of Ukraine, to become effective on 1 May 2009, unless the Government of Ukraine has

fully satisfied the conditions set out in that paragraph and has notified the secretariat of this fact by 1 January 2009. The successful fulfilment of the specific conditions is to be established by the Committee.

The Meeting also invited the Government of Ukraine to submit to the Committee periodically, namely in November 2008, November 2009 and November 2010, information on progress in implementing the action plan.

You are therefore invited to provide the relevant information to the Committee as follows:

- (1) at the latest by 30 November 2008 - detailed information on progress so far (i.e. a progress report);
- (2) at the latest by 1 January 2009 - official notification with substantive information on how Ukraine has fully satisfied the conditions set out in paragraph 5 of decision III/6f;
- (3) at the latest by 30 November 2009 and by 30 November 2010 - detailed information on progress in implementing the action plan (i.e. progress report).

In addition to the above, the secretariat notes your willingness expressed at the recent Compliance Committee meeting to provide to the Committee during October 2008 a draft of the action plan for consideration and possible comment. The draft should be sent to the secretariat for circulation to the Committee.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Cc: Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Offices in Geneva

Encl: Decision III/6f of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention concerning compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2/Add.14)