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## МІНІСТЕРСТВО ЕКОЛОГІЇ ТА ПРИРОДНИХ РЕСУРСІВ УКРАЇНИ

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### **Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention**

#### **Dear members of the Compliance Committee!**

Acclaim you about regular 32 meeting of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee.

We would like to inform you of the following. In order to execute Action Plan on the implementation of the Decision of the Parties to Aarhus Convention III/6f Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine approved on the Public council which took place on 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2011 and sent for the approval to the central state bodies the draft Decree of the Cabinet of the Ministries of Ukraine «On approval of the Oder of the public Involvement to the consideration of the issues on making decisions, which likely to have an Influence on the Environment».

Moreover, the order of the Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine was prepared, which contains:

foundation of interagency task force that includes representatives of the public, and deal with decision of the Meeting of the Parties of the Aarhus Convention;

provision of publishing of applications for and results of state environmental expertise and on the web-site of the Ministry;

preparation and submission to the consideration of the Verchovna Rada of Ukraine the draft Law of Ukraine «On ratification of the amendment to the Aarhus Convention (concerning genetically modified organisms)»

preparation and submission to the consideration of the Cabinet of the Ministries of Ukraine the draft Decree of the Cabinet of the Ministries of Ukraine «On approval of the Oder of the public Involvement to the consideration of the issues on making decisions, which likely to have an Influence on the Environment»;

carrying out studies programs devoted to the Aarhus Convention implementation issues; seminar for the access to environmental information and public participation in the decision making process of the significant

environmental issues for the officials responsible for the relations with mass media and officials of regional departments of the Ministry in year 2011 financed by the State Budget;

during the 2012 State Budget drafting to envisage the expenses for: preparation and publishing the handbook «The Mechanism of the implementation of the Aarhus Convention»; preparation and publishing of the brochure «Environment and Law: the mechanisms of implementation of the Aarhus Convention».

We would like to inform one more time that according to the Decree of the President of Ukraine «On Optimisation system of the central executive bodies» on 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2010 № 1085/2010, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Recourses of Ukraine at this time is still in the process of reorganization.

For this reason the matter of National coordinator of the Aarhus Convention implementation issues approval is still open. Before the end of the reorganization process the communication as for the Aarhus Convention issues will be proceeded through the Deputy Minister Ivan Makarenko

We will inform on the official approval of National coordinator of the Aarhus Convention implementation issues later on.

Ministry of Ecology and Natural Recourses of Ukraine avails itself of this opportunity to wish the members of the Committee fruitful performance.

**First Deputy Minister**



**M.Romanov**