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Dear Ms. Filipova, Mr. Shakhmatenko,

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

Hereby I would like to draw your attention to decision III/6f 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 Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2/Add.14).

At its twenty-seventh meeting (16-19 March 2010), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee reviewed any information provided by the Government of Ukraine on progress in implementing decision III/6f of the Meeting of the Parties. The Committee noted that, since its twenty-sixth meeting, Ukraine had provided the draft law "On amendment to article 25 of the law of Ukraine on environmental protection" and the draft decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On approval of the provision and dissemination of environmental information" in Ukrainian language, but had failed to provide English language translations as it had indicated to the Committee at the twenty-sixth meeting; also, that Ukraine had not yet provided the draft decree of the Cabinet of Ministers "On approval of public participation in decision-making in the field of environmental protection". The Committee noted that Romania and the non-governmental organization Environment-People-Law had submitted their comments on the two draft texts and that Environment-People-Law had provided an English translation of these texts to assist Romania with this.

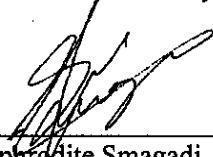
Therefore, the Committee asked the secretariat to invite you to send a copy of the draft decree of the Cabinet of

Ministers of Ukraine "On approval of public participation in decision-making in the field of environmental protection" as soon as possible.

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 Ukraine 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,



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