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The Executive Secretary

Under-Secretary-General

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to my letter of 25 January 2013 to the President of Turkmenistan and that of 11 July 2013 to you.

In my letter of 25 January, I informed the President that the caution lifted through decision IV/9g of the Meeting of the Parties to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) had re-entered into effect on 1 January 2013. In the same letter, I also conveyed the request of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee that Turkmenistan should report on 1 June and on 1 November 2013 regarding the progress made to fulfil the conditions set by decision IV/9g.

As no progress report was received from Turkmenistan by the Compliance Committee regarding the fulfilment of the conditions in decision IV/9g by the 1 June 2013 deadline, in my letter of 11 July I encouraged Turkmenistan to provide the requested information as soon as possible, and by no later than 15 August 2013, to enable the Committee to consider the response at its forty-second meeting (Geneva, 24–27 September 2013). However, at its forty-second meeting, the Committee noted that no information had been received. The Committee also noted that 1 November 2013 had been fixed as the final date for Turkmenistan to report on the progress made to fulfil the conditions set by decision IV/9g.

His Excellency
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The final date for Turkmenistan to report on its progress having now passed without a report having been submitted, the Aarhus Compliance Committee has requested me to inform you that, at its upcoming forty-third meeting (Geneva, 17–20 December 2013), the Committee will prepare its recommendations to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties (Maastricht, the Netherlands, 30 June–2 July 2014) and propose any appropriate measure to bring about full compliance.

I would thus strongly encourage Turkmenistan to provide the requested information as soon as possible and no later than 30 November 2013, in order that it may be taken into account in the preparation of the Committee's recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session.

On behalf of ECE, I would like to express the willingness of the secretariat to work with the Government of Turkmenistan in meeting its obligations under the Aarhus Convention.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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