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"Vision and Mission" of the Aarhus Convention Strategic Plan, paragraph 4, adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention, in Riga, Latvia, on 13 June 2008

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"Although regional in scope, the significance of the Aarhus Convention is global. It is by far the most impressive elaboration of principle 10 of the Rio Declaration, which stresses the need for citizen's participation in environmental issues and for access to information on the environment held by public authorities."

"As such it is the most ambitious venture in the area of environmental democracy so far undertaken under the auspices of the United Nations."

*Kofi A. Annan*, former Secretary-General of the United Nations (1997-2006)

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"Involving the public and civil society organizations in formulating and implementing a response to climate change is not a choice but a necessity."

*Jan Kubis*, UNECE Executive Secretary, High-level segment of the Sixty-third Session of the Economic Commission for Europe (30 March — 1 April 2009)

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