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Ms. Catalina Radulescu Strategic litigation manager Center for Legal Resources 19, Arcului str., sector 2 Buharest Romania

Dear Ms. Lungu, Dear Ms. Radulescu,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Romania with provisions of the Convention in connection with the proposed construction of a nuclear power plant and the approval of the Energy Strategy (Ref. ACCC/C/2010/51)

At its thirty-second meeting (11-14 April 2011), the Committee noted that the Party concerned in its written submissions of 14 March 2011 (forwarded to you by email on 15 March 2011) requested the Committee to consider that domestic remedies had been pursued concerning the subject-matter of the communication, which constituted effective and sufficient means of redress. It therefore requested the Committee to decide that the communication would not be further considered (see pages 7-9 of the response of the Party concerned).

The Committee requested the secretariat to seek your views on the issues raised by the Party concerned with regard to similar cases currently pending before domestic courts. In the light of your observations to this matter, the Committee will further consider the viewpoints of the Party concerned at its thirty-third meeting (Chisinau, 27-28 June 2011). It would be appreciated if you could provide your response as soon as you can, but no later than 7 June 2011.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have questions or seek clarification of the above.

Yours sincerely,

Aphrodite Smagadi

Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

cc: Ms. Daniela Eugenia Pineta, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Romania
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