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The Executive Secretary

*Under-Secretary-General*

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Excellency,

I write to you at the request of the Compliance Committee of the UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention).

At its thirty-first meeting (Geneva, 22-25 February 2011), the Compliance Committee reviewed the steps taken by Ukraine to fulfill the conditions set out in decision III/6e of the Meeting of the Parties. The Committee considered all information submitted by the Party concerned during the intersessional period.

Please find enclosed the draft report on compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention. The report is forwarded at the request of the Committee. You are invited to provide your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 17 March 2011. In your response, please also indicate whether you agree with the Committee's recommendations. In addition, the Committee would appreciate if you could provide it with the following: (a) the latest draft Decree of Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On approval of public participation in decision-making in the field of environmental protection", and (b) a copy of the recently adopted law on city planning and building, also by the above deadline.

His Excellency  
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Minister for Foreign Affairs  
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Kyiv



Taking into account the comments received and the requested documents, the Committee will finalize and adopt its report by 25 March 2011. The report will include the Committee's recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties, which will consider them at its fourth session (Chisinau, 29 June 2011 – 1 July 2011).

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

  
Ján Kubis

cc: Mr. Mikola Zlochevskiy, Minister for Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine  
Ms. Alexandra Spanu, Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations Office  
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