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Decision IV/9c of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) and follow-up with the Committee's recommendations on ACCC/C/2011/59

Dear Sir,

I write at the request of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee. I would firstly like to thank you for the progress reports sent to the Committee by the Government of Kazakhstan on 1 November 2013 and 13 January 2014.

At its forty-third meeting (Geneva, 17-20 December 2013), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee reviewed the progress made by Kazakhstan with regard to the implementation of decision IV/9c of the Meeting of the Parties concerning compliance by Kazakhstan with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention, as well as Kazakhstan's progress in implementing the recommendations contained in the Compliance Committee's findings on ACCC/C/2011/59. Taking into account the information received, the Committee prepared its draft report to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session on the implementation of the decision and the Committee's recommendations, completing its draft report after the meeting using its electronic decision-making procedure.

The Committee's draft report is now being forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration and possible comments. You are requested to provide your comments as soon as possible, but no later than **20 March 2014**. In your response, please indicate whether you agree with the Committee's recommendations. The draft report will also be forwarded to the communicants in ACCC/C/2004/01, ACCC/C/2004/02, ACCC/C/2004/06 and ACCC/C/2011/59 for their possible comments by the same date.

Mr. Bektas Mukhamedzhanov Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection Ministry of Environmental Protection Astana Kazakhstan Taking into account the comments received by the set date, the Committee will finalize and adopt its report and submit it to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (aarhus.compliance@unece.org) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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