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To: Mr. Jonas Ebbesson, Chair of the Compliance Committee

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Ref: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Romania with article 6 and 9 of the Convention with respect to the extension of lignite quarries in Gorj County (ACCC/C/2016/140)

Dear Chair,

We take this opportunity to thank the Compliance Committee for the work undertaken in order to understand and clarify the issue of the case ACCC/C/2016/140 regarding some lignite quarries in Gorj County, in Romania.

We would like to submit to you our response to the Compliance Committee's letter dated 10 February 2020 by which a number of questions were addressed to the Party concerned.

Please find in the Annex to this letter our opinion and our answers to the 12 questions addressed to us, based on the points of view submitted by other Romanian competent authorities involved.

Further, we would like to express our thanks to the Compliance Committee regarding its acceptance for our participation by videoconference on March 12th, 2020 in the hearing on communication ACCC/C/2016/140, and we hope that our close cooperation can really contribute to the best conclusions on this case.

Sincerely yours,

STATE SECRETARY

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