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12 March 2019

Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you at the request of the Compliance Committee of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) to call to your urgent attention the Republic of Moldova's ongoing failure to provide its formal response to communication ACCC/C/2017/147 concerning compliance by the Republic of Moldova with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention.

In accordance with paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties, a Party to the Aarhus Convention is required to submit its response to a communication concerning its compliance to the Convention's Compliance Committee as soon as possible and at the latest within five months of the date that it is drawn to its attention.

Communication ACCC/C/2017/147 and all related documentation are available on the Committee's website at <https://www.unece.org/env/pp/cc.html>

The above communication was forwarded to the Government of the Republic of Moldova on 19 September 2017 with an invitation to submit to the Compliance Committee, as soon as possible but at the latest within five months of the date of the letter (i.e. by 19 February 2018), and written explanations or statements clarifying the matters referred to in the communication. To date, no information has been received.

On 29 June 2018, the Director of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Environment Division wrote to Ms. Valentina Tapis, State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of the Republic of Moldova, to bring the failure by the Republic of Moldova to provide its formal response to her urgent attention and to convey the Committee's serious concern at this failure. No response or information was received in response to this letter.

His Excellency
Mr. Tudor Ulianoschi
Minister of Foreign Affairs
and European Integration
Chisinau

The Compliance Committee requested me to convey to you its serious concern at the ongoing failure by the Republic of Moldova to provide its response to the communication. I would like to emphasize the importance of cooperating with the Compliance Committee, which forms an integral part of the functioning of the Convention.

On behalf of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, I would like to express the willingness of the secretariat to work with the Government of the Republic of Moldova in meeting its obligations under the Aarhus Convention. Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (aarhus.compliance@unece.org) if you require any further information.

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

Olga Algayerova



cc: Ms. Valentina Tapis, State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of the Republic of Moldova

Mr. Adrian Panciuc, National Focal Point to the Aarhus Convention, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment
Eco-TIRAS, communicant of communication ACCC/C/2017/147