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19 September 2017

Adrian Panciuc
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Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Dear Mr. Panciuc,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the Republic of Moldova with regard to access to information held by the State Hydrometeorological Service (ACCC/C/2017/147)

On 9 July 2017, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received the above communication addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by the Republic of Moldova with the provisions of the Convention in connection with its alleged failure to provide access to information held by the State Hydrometeorological Service in a manner that would concord with the requirements of the Convention. The communication was submitted in accordance with the provisions of chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2017/147, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. All documentation relating to the communication is available on the Committee's web site at: <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/pubcom.html>.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its fifty-eighth meeting (Budva, 10 – 13 September 2017), has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. A copy of the preliminary determination on admissibility is attached. Please note, however, that the Committee has not reached any conclusions with respect to the compliance issues referred to in the communication.

Having regard to paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7, you are kindly invited to submit to the Committee, as soon as possible but at the latest within five months of the date of this letter (i.e. by **19 February 2017**), any written explanations or statements clarifying the matter referred to in the communication and describing any response that may have been made in the meantime.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F Marshall', written in a cursive style.

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Mr. Ilya Trombitsky, Executive Director, Eco-TIRAS (communicant)

Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility