

29 June 2018

Ref. no. ECE/ENV/2018/125

Dear Ms. Tapis,

I write to you at the request of the Compliance Committee under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) to call your urgent attention to the ongoing failure by the Republic of Moldova to provide its formal response to communication ACCC/C/2017/147 concerning compliance by the Republic of Moldova with its obligations under the 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 is available on the Committee's website at [https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=46579&no\\_cache=1](https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=46579&no_cache=1)

The above communication was forwarded to the Government of the Republic of Moldova on 19 September 2017 with an invitation for the Republic of Moldova 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), any written explanations or statements clarifying the matters referred to in the communication. To date, no information has been received.

The Compliance Committee has 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 Aarhus Convention.

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

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](mailto:aarhus.compliance@unece.org)) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations Office at Geneva  
Mr. Adrian Panciuc, National Focal Point to the Aarhus Convention, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment  
Mr. Ilya Trombitsky, Eco-TIRAS, communicant of communication  
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