

19 November 2020

Mr. Dumitru Gorelco
Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment
Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Dear Mr. Gorelco,

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)

I refer to the Committee's questions dated 4 June 2020 and the Party concerned's reply dated 6 July 2020.

In its reply, the Party concerned indicated that it was undertaking an internal investigation and intended to provide additional information at a later date. That was now more than four months ago. In order to be taken into account by the Committee in its deliberations on its draft findings on the above communication, you are requested to provide any further information as soon as possible, and by **next Thursday, 25 November 2020** at the latest.

In addition, having reviewed the Party concerned's reply dated 6 July 2020, the Committee asks the Party concerned to reply to the three additional questions enclosed with this letter.

Please send your reply to the enclosed questions, and any further information regarding the Committee's questions dated 4 June 2020, to aarhus.compliance@un.org, before **Thursday, 25 November 2020**. Please copy the communicant on your reply. The communicant will have one week from the receipt of your answer to provide the Committee with any comments it wishes to make on your reply.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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, "Eco-TIRAS" International Association of River Keepers

Enc: Questions from the Committee to the Party concerned

Question to the Party concerned

1. Has annex 2 of Regulation No. 330 been amended or superseded since July 2017? If so, please provide the schedule of charges as presently in force for the provision of environmental information held by the State Hydrometeorological Service.
2. If a member of the public made an information request to the State Hydrometeorological Service today, what would be the **total charge** he/she would have to pay to receive the following information for the period from the date of the opening of the hydrometeorological station in Baltata village in 1950 to 25 July 2016:
 - (a) The temperatures on the Baltata hydrometeorological station:
 - (i) Average per month;
 - (ii) Maximum average;
 - (iii) Minimum average;
 - (b) The flow of the Baltata river every month during this period.
3. Together with your reply to question 2 above, please provide the **algorithm or underlying calculations** to show a breakdown of how the total cost has been calculated.