**MISSION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AARHUS CONVENTION COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE AND UNECE SECRETARIAT**  
Ashgabat, Turkmenistan  
19-21 April 2011

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

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| 09.30 -12.00 | **High level segment**  
Venue: Ministry for Nature Protection | | (a) Officials and experts from Turkmenistan:  
- Minister for Nature Protection  
- High level officials and other representatives from the following ministries and organizations:  
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
  - Minister for Justice  
  - Minister for Nature Protection  
  - Minister for Education  
  - Ministers responsible for economic and social development  
  - Centre for Human Rights and Democracy  
(b) Members of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee  
(c) UNECE secretariat |
| 12.00-14.00 | Lunch break | | |
| 14.00 - 18.00 | **Working session with drafters of the Law on Public Associations**  
Venue: Ministry for Nature Protection | | Participants :  
- Drafters of Turkmenistan’s Law on Public Associations  
- Members of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee  
- UNECE secretariat |
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| 09.00-10.30  | **Meeting with civil society**<br>Venue: To be confirmed            | - Representatives of civil society of Turkmenistan, including environmental non-governmental organizations  
- Members of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee  
- UNECE secretariat |
| 10.30-13.00  | **Multi-stakeholder training on the Aarhus Convention**<br>Venue: To be confirmed | - Representatives of civil society, including environmental non-governmental organizations of Turkmenistan  
- Representatives of local authorities and ministry officials of Turkmenistan involved in planning and permitting decisions  
- Public interest lawyers and representatives of Bar Associations  
- Professors in environmental law and environmental management of Turkmenistan  
- Members of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee  
- UNECE secretariat |
| 13.00-14.00  | Lunch                                                               | -                                                                                      |
| 14.00-18.00  | **Multi-stakeholder training on the Aarhus Convention**<br>(continued) | As above                                                                               |
**Thursday, 21 April 2010**

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| 09.00-13.00   | **Special training for judiciary**       | - Judges dealing with environmental matters from Turkmenistan, from all judicial levels (Supreme Court, High Commercial Court, Ashgabad City Courts and any other courts or tribunals judging environmental matters)  
- Members of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee  
- UNECE secretariat |
|               | Venue: To be confirmed                    |                                                                                                 |
| 13.00-15.00   | *Lunch*                                   |                                                                                                 |
| 15.00-17.00   | **Wrap-up meeting**                       | (a) Officials and experts from Turkmenistan:  
- Minister for Nature Protection  
- Representatives from the following ministries:  
  o Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
  o Ministry for Justice  
  o Ministry for Nature Protection  
  o Ministry for Education  
  o Ministry responsible for economic and social development  
(b) Members of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee  
(c) UNECE secretariat |
|               | Venue: Ministry of Nature Protection      |                                                                                                 |