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Dear Mr. Simas,

Re: Case initiated by the Compliance Committee of the Protocol on Water and Health concerning compliance by Portugal with the obligation to report under article 7 of the Protocol (ECE/MP/WH/CC/CI/1)

At its eleventh meeting (Geneva, 24–25 March 2015), the Compliance Committee prepared draft findings with regard to the above case. In accordance with paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/2, the draft findings were then forwarded for comments to Portugal on 20 April 2015, with the invitation to provide comments by 15 May 2015. No comments were received by the deadline.

The Committee proceeded to finalize its findings on 8 June 2015, with all Committee members giving their agreement by electronic mail by 15 July 2015. The Committee adopted its findings and agreed that they should be annexed to the report of its twelfth meeting (Geneva, 19–20 October 2015).

Please find enclosed the advanced unedited English version of the Committee's findings as adopted. The findings will in due course be produced as an official United Nations document that will be available in the three official UNECE languages.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: Findings and recommendations with regard to the case initiated by the Committee ECE/MP/WH/CC/CI/1 concerning compliance by Portugal

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