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Dear Ms. Filipas,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning decision-making on Rosia Montana gold mine (Ref. ACCC/C/2005/15)

With reference to the above communication, the Compliance Committee at its seventeenth meeting (26-28 September 2007) took note of press releases issued on 13 and 20 September 2007 by the Hungarian Ministry for Environment and Waters and the communicant respectively indicating that the licensing procedure for the proposed Rosia Montana plant has been suspended.

The Committee would welcome any further information from the Government of Romania concerning this matter.

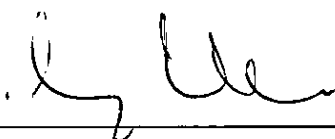
In view of the uncertainty surrounding the timetable for the completion of any licensing procedure for the Rosia Montana plant, the Committee has decided to address separately the issues concerning the confidentiality of environmental impact assessment (EIA) studies referred to in our letter to you of 5 July 2007. It is considering preparing findings, and if appropriate recommendations, with regard to this particular issue at its next meeting (28-30 November 2007).

With this in mind, the Committee has asked the secretariat to invite you to comment on the matters raised in the second paragraph of our letter of 5 July 2007. Any such comments should be sent to the Committee via the secretariat sufficiently in advance

of the next meeting and at the latest by 9 November 2007. In the absence of any information from you the Committee will rely on the information already available to it.

A copy of our letter of 5 July 2007 is attached for your convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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