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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)**

Please find attached a copy of a letter received from the communicant in the above communication informing the Compliance Committee about the planned revision of legislation allegedly aiming to reduce public participation in the scoping stage of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure. The letter drew the Committee's attention to the issue of public participation at this stage of the EIA, which was among the issues raised in the original communication.

The Committee considered the letter at its twenty-second meeting (17-19 December 2008) and expressed its concern about this information. It requested the secretariat to bring the letter to your attention and to invite you to provide comments if you so wish.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Wates
Secretary

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