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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)

At its twenty-third meeting, the Compliance Committee took note of your letter of 6 February 2009 in relation to communication ACCC/C/2005/15 (Romania) providing comments on the letter from the communicant dated 7 November 2008.

The communicant's letter had informed the Committee about the planned revision of legislation on the environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure which would have the effect of reducing public participation in the scoping stage of the procedure. The reply from the Government maintained that the proposed legislation was not a normative act in force either at the time of the communication or at the present time. The letter from the Government also assured the Committee that the concern expressed by the communicant would be taken into consideration in the final version of the Governmental Decision and that the public would have adequate opportunities to participate and to analyse and submit proposals/recommendations to the competent public authority.

The Committee took note of this assurance and agreed that no further action was required on its part at the present time on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Wates
Secretary

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