

## UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

## The Executive Secretary

Under-Secretary-General

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Excellency,

I write to you at the request of the Compliance Committee of the UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention).

At its thirty-first meeting (Geneva, 22-25 February 2011), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (Committee) reviewed the progress made by the Republic of Moldova during the current intersessional period with regard to the recommendations of the Committee to the Party concerned in communication ACCC/C/2008/30. At the same meeting, the Committee prepared a draft report with recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties.

Please find enclosed the draft report on compliance by the Republic of Moldova with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention. The report is forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration and possible comments. You are invited to provide your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 17 March 2011. In your response, please also indicate whether you agree with the Committee's recommendations.

Taking into account the comments received, the Committee will finalize and adopt its report by 25 March 2011. The report will include the Committee's recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties, which will consider them at its fourth session (Chisinau, 29 June 2011 -1 July 2011).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ján Kubiš

His Excellency Mr. Gheorghe Şalaru Minister of Environment of the Republic of Moldova Chisinau

cc: Mr. Ilya Trombitsky, Eco-TIRAS International Environmental Association of River Keepers