



Nr. 03-08/178

23 June 2009

**Subject:** *Government's position with respect to communication ACCC/C/2008/30*

Excellency,

Herewith I would like to present you the compliments of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and express the Government's official position with regard to the communication ACCC/C/2008/30.

The Government of the Republic of Moldova recognizes the supremacy of environmental treaties norms over the national legislation and the right of Moldovan citizens to submit communications to the conventions' secretariats. Given the fact that NGO "Eco TIRAS" has addressed the case in national judicial system and received a supportive decision, I would like to express the Government's agreement with the recognition by court of the right to access the information in this specific case. However, I consider that the NGO "Eco TIRAS" should have used all possibilities that are foreseen by national legislation in order to have access to required information.

Please be informed also that the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources is not in a position to send its representatives at the forthcoming meeting of the 24th Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee, to be held during 30 June to 3 July 2009, and the Working Group of the Parties, to be held during 8-10 July 2009 in Geneva.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ion Apostol".

**Ion APOSTOL**  
Deputy Minister

**To: Jeremy WATES**

Secretary

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making  
and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters