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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.

position to send its representatives at the forthcoming meeting of the 2nd 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.

Sincerely,

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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA**

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Arhus Convention) and has the honour to submit herewith a self-explanatory letter of the Moldovan Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources regarding the position Government of the Republic of Moldova on Communication ACCC/C/2008/30.

Please be advised that the above-mentioned letter refers also to the issue of Moldovan participation in the meetings of the 24th Arhus Convention Compliance Committee (30 June-3 July 2009) and, respectively, the Working Group of the

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters the assurances of its highest consideration. *✓*



Geneva, 3 July 2009

Signature