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Dear Ms. Podoroghin,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the Republic of Moldova with provisions of the Convention in connection with access to information on contracts for rent of forest land (Ref. ACCC/C/2008/30)

At its twenty-third meeting (31 March - 3 April 2009), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee provisionally agreed to discuss the substance of the above communication at its twenty-fourth meeting, which will take place at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 30 June to 3 July 2009. The discussion on communication ACCC/C/2008/30 is provisionally scheduled to take place on Thursday 2 July 2009, starting at 10 a.m.

In accordance with chapter IX of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, both the Party concerned and the communicant are entitled to participate in the discussion on the subject matter of the communication, though not in the preparation or adoption of any findings, measures or recommendations of the Committee.

Should you or any other representative of the Party concerned wish to attend the meeting, the attached registration form should be sent to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, attention of Ms. Maricar de la Cruz (fax: +41 22 917 0634), by 16 June 2009. If you would require financial support to cover travel costs and daily subsistence allowance in order to be able to send a representative to the meeting, please notify the secretariat by 26 May 2009.

According to a decision of the Committee at its fifth meeting, discussions on communications will generally take the following form:

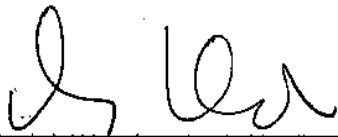
- introduction by the Chair and opening of the discussion (by the Chair or the special rapporteur);
- presentations by the communicant and by the Party concerned, including possible joint proposals;
- questions from Committee members, responses from the Party concerned and the communicant;
- comments from other observers at the invitation of the Chair;
- final comments by the communicant;
- final comments by the Party concerned.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that according to the five-month deadline set out in paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7, the Government's response to the communication should be provided to the secretariat no later than 24 May 2009.

The Committee has indicated that the meeting should not be used as an occasion to introduce substantial amounts of information that could or should have been provided to it at an earlier stage, unless this is unavoidable (e.g. because it concerns very recent developments). Should you wish to present any (further) substantial written material related to the matter, you should take into account that where such information is received less than two weeks before the scheduled meeting, it is doubtful whether the Committee would be able to take it into consideration when it is discussing the matter, even where the information is provided in English.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information concerning the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Jeremy Wates
Secretary

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

Cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations Office in Geneva
Mr. Ilya Trombitsky, Eco-TIRAS International Environmental Association Of River Keepers

Encs. Registration form for the 24th meeting of the Compliance Committee