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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)**

Please find enclosed a copy of the draft findings of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee regarding the above communication. The draft was prepared by the Committee following the discussions on the matter that took place at its twenty-fourth meeting (Geneva, 30 June - 3 July 2009).

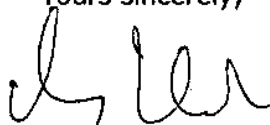
The draft is now being forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration and possible comments pursuant to paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/7. We would be grateful if you would provide any comments by 15 September 2009.

The text has been drafted on the assumption that your Government agrees with the Committee making recommendations in accordance with paragraphs 36 (b) and 37 (b) of the annex to decision I/7. If this is not the case, please indicate this in your reply. The Committee considers that the making of recommendations directly to the Party concerned during the intersessional period, coupled with timely action by the Party to implement such recommendations, would enable the matter to be resolved in the most expeditious way, allowing the Committee's report to the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to concentrate more on progress achieved than on outstanding problems.

The Committee intends to finalize and adopt the findings at its twenty-fifth meeting (Geneva, 22-25 September 2009).

Should you have any questions with regard to the procedure, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,



Jeremy Wates

Secretary

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

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Encs. Draft findings on communication ACCC/C/2008/30