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Dear Ms. Volchuga, Mr. Andrusevych,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Belarus with provisions of the Convention in connection with access to information and public participation in decision-making on a hydro power plant project on the Neman River (Ref. ACCC/C/2009/37)

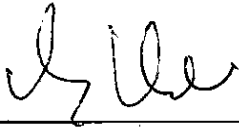
On behalf of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee, I am writing concerning the above referenced communication, which was discussed at the twenty-sixth meeting of the Compliance Committee (Geneva, 15-18 December 2009).

Enclosed herewith you may find the advance unedited copy of the report of the meeting containing information with respect to the discussion on the communication at issue (see paragraphs 25-28 of the report).

Please note that the Compliance Committee hopes to complete the preparation of its draft findings with regard to the communication at its twenty-seventh meeting (Geneva, 16-19 March 2010), after which the draft findings will be circulated for comment to the parties concerned.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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Encs. Advance copy of the report of the twenty-sixth meeting of the Compliance Committee