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Dear Ms Lungu, Ms Radulescu, Mr Alge

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Romania in relation to the permitting process for the Rosia Montana mining project (Ref. ACCC/C/2012/69)

At its thirty-ninth meeting (Geneva, 11-14 December 2012) the Compliance Committee noted that the Party concerned had submitted its response on 5 October 2012 and that you had submitted your answers to the Committee's questions on 8 October 2012. In particular, the Committee noted that the Party concerned in its response challenged the admissibility of the communication.

You are now invited to respond to the comments made by the Party with respect to the admissibility of the communication as soon as you can, but no later than 4 February 2013.

You are also requested to provide the English translation of the decision of the Court of Appeal of 4 October 2012, if it has been published. If the decision is long and you are not able to provide full English translation by the deadline set above, please provide a translation of those parts of the decision that are most relevant for the Committee to consider.

After it receives your response, the Committee will decide whether it will discuss the substance of the communication at its fortieth meeting (Geneva, 25-28 March 2013).

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Aphrodite Smagadi

Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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