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Dear Ms. Mihaescu,

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

I refer to your letters of 23 and 26 March 2015 seeking an extension of two months to provide the Government's comments on the Committee's draft findings on communication ACCC/C/2012/69.

As you will recall, the draft findings on the above communication were sent to you on 23 February 2015 with an invitation to comment by 23 March 2015, that is, a one month commenting period.

At its forty-eighth meeting (Geneva, 24-27 March 2015), the Compliance Committee considered the Government's requests for a two month extension and agreed that such a request was not acceptable. The Committee recalled that one month is the standard timeframe provided by the Committee to parties to comment on draft findings. It also noted that in general all Parties are required to consult internally and thus there were no special circumstances raised in the present case that justified an extension. However, the Committee agreed on an exceptional basis to grant both the Party concerned and the communicants a two week extension from the date of this letter, that is until **16 April 2015**, to provide their comments. The Committee stressed that, after the expiry of the two week deadline, the Committee will finalize and adopt its findings through its electronic decision-making procedure, whether or not any comments from the parties have been received.

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

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
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