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Palais des Nations, Room 348
CH-1211 GENEVA 10

26 July 2013

Dear Sir,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Kazakhstan in relation to the plan for a ski resort in the Ile-Alatau national park (ACCC/C/2013/88)

On 31 May 2013, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received the above communication addressed to the Compliance Committee under the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Kazakhstan with the public participation provisions of the Convention in relation to the preparation of a plan for a ski resort in the Kok Zhailau area, located in Ile-Alatau state national nature park. The communication was submitted in accordance with the provisions of chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

Please find enclosed a copy of the communication, which is being forwarded to you at the request of the Committee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 22 of the annex to decision I/7.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2013/88, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. The main documentation relating to the communication will be shortly available on the Committee's web site at: <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/pubcom.htm>.

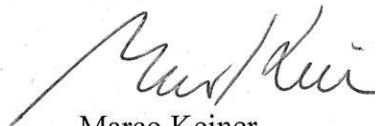
Mr. Bektas Mukhamedzhanov
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The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its forty-first meeting (25-28 June 2013), has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. A copy of the preliminary determination on admissibility is attached. Please note, however, that the Committee has not reached any conclusions with respect to the compliance issues referred to in the communication.

Having regard to paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7, you are kindly invited to submit to the Committee, as soon as possible but at the latest within five months of the date of this letter (i.e. by 26 December 2013), any written explanations or statements clarifying the matter referred to in the communication and describing any response that may have been made in the meantime.

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

Yours sincerely,



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- cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations Office
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Ms. Maral Nugumanova, Ministry of Environmental Protection
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Ms. Diana Mukanova, Ministry of Environmental Protection
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- Encs. Communication ACCC/C/2013/88 (including annexes)
Preliminary determination on admissibility
Datasheet on the communication
Letter sent to the communicant acknowledging receipt