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8 May 2017

Ms. Irina Sukhiy
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Novovilenskaya st. 38
Minsk 220053
Belarus

Dear Ms. Sukhiy,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Belarus in connection with harassment of anti-nuclear activists (ACCC/C/2014/102)

In the context of its deliberations on the above communication and taking into account the reply of the Party concerned to questions of the Committee received on 3 February 2017, the Committee has prepared a small number of questions for the communicant's reply in order to clarify various factual points referred to in the communication.

The Committee would be very grateful to receive your brief replies to the enclosed questions on or before **this Friday, 12 May 2017**. Please send your response to aarhus.compliance@unece.org, copying the Party concerned. Following receipt of your replies, the Party concerned will have five working days to provide the Committee with any comments it wishes to make on your replies.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fiona Marshall".

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

- Cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Ms. Irina Malkina, First Deputy Minister, Ministry Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus
Mr. Andriy Andrusivych, Resource & Analysis Center "Society and Environment" (observer)
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1. Please clarify the following with regard to the identity check of Ms. Sukhiy on 26 April 2013:
 - (a) What time on 26 April 2013 was Ms. Sukhiy stopped for the identity check and how long before the start of the Chernobyl Way 2013 street action was she stopped?
 - (b) What reasons, if any, did the public authorities give to Ms. Sukhiy as a justification for why her identity needed to be checked?
 - (c) Was Ms. Sukhiy carrying her correct identification documents? How long after she was stopped did she give her identification documents to the authorities?
 - (d) What time did the Chernobyl Way 2013 street action finish?
 - (e) What time was Ms. Sukhiy released after the identity check was completed? How long in total did the identity check of Ms. Sukhiy take? Did the authorities provide Ms. Sukhiy with a reason for the length of time the identity check took, and if so, what was the reason given?

 2. Please clarify in what way Ms. Novikova was allegedly “blocked in her apartment” on 26 April 2013 until the Chernobyl Way 2013 event was over. Between which times on 26 April 2013 do you allege that she could not leave her apartment? Please provide any further supporting evidence you have to substantiate how Ms. Novikova was allegedly blocked in her apartment. What were the indications that caused Ms Novikova to understand that she was the reason for the police presence at her apartment building on 26 April?
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