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Dear Mr. Mező, Ms. Koritár,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Hungary in connection with a plan to extend the Paks Nuclear Power Plant, known as the “Teller Project” (ACCC/C/2014/105)

On 11 June 2014, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received from you the above communication addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Hungary with the provisions of the Convention in connection with a plan to extend the Paks Nuclear Power Plant in Hungary, known as the “Teller Project”. 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.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2014/105, 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.html>.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its forty-fifth meeting (29 June-2 July 2014), 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.

Also at its forty-fifth meeting the Committee agreed to request additional information from you as to what domestic remedies, if any, may have at any time been available to the communicant to challenge the alleged failure to provide for effective public participation on decisions No. 40/2008. (IV. 17.) Ogy and No. 25/2009. (IV. 4.) Ogy cited in the communication. You are invited to provide your response to this question by **24 September 2014** in order that it might be considered by the Committee at its forty-sixth meeting (Geneva, 22-25 September 2014).

At its forty-sixth meeting, the Committee intends to consider the information received from you on this point and to determine whether the allegations under article 7 of the Convention should continue to be considered preliminary admissible or not. The Committee's determination of preliminary admissibility will remain valid for the rest of the communication. Following its forty-sixth meeting, the Committee will inform you and the Party concerned of its determination of preliminary admissibility with respect to the allegations under article 7.

Please contact the secretariat as soon as possible if you have any questions or would require further time to respond to the Committee's request for additional information.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

- Cc: Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Ms. Andrea Barad, Head of Unit, Ministry of Rural Development, Hungary
- Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility
Datasheet on the communication