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Excellency,

I have the honor to write to you at the request of the Compliance Committee under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) to call your urgent attention to Ukraine's ongoing failure to provide its formal response to communication ACCC/C/2014/118 concerning compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention.

In accordance with paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties, a Party to the Aarhus Convention is required to submit its response to a communication concerning its compliance to the Convention's Compliance Committee as soon as possible and at the latest within five months of the date that it is drawn to its attention.

Communication ACCC/C/2014/118 and all related documentation are available on the Committee's website at <https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=38872>

The above communication was forwarded to the Government of Ukraine on 28 June 2015 with an invitation for Ukraine to submit to the Compliance Committee, as soon as possible but at the latest within five months of the date of the letter (i.e. by 29 November 2015), any written explanations or statements clarifying the matters referred to in the communication. The Committee received an email from Ukraine's formal national focal point on 20 June 2016 stating that further time was needed to prepare the official response. Since then, no further information has been received.

His Excellency  
Mr. Pavlo Klimkin  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Kyiv

The Compliance Committee has requested me to convey to you its serious concern at the ongoing failure by Ukraine to provide its response to the communication. The Committee has asked me to inform you that if Ukraine has not provided its response to the communication by 1 May 2018, the Committee will schedule the hearing to discuss the substance of the communication at the Committee's 61st meeting (Geneva, 2-6 July 2018), notwithstanding the lack of response.

I would like to emphasize the importance of cooperating with the Compliance Committee, which forms an integral part of the functioning of the Aarhus Convention.

On behalf of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, I would like to express the willingness of the secretariat to work with the Government of the Ukraine in meeting its obligations under the Aarhus Convention. Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat ([aarhus.compliance@unece.org](mailto:aarhus.compliance@unece.org)) if you require any further information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
Olga Algayerova

cc: His Excellency, Mr. Ostap Semerak, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine  
Ms. Maryna Shimkus, National Focal Point to the Aarhus Convention, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine  
Ms. Yelyzaveta Aleksyeyeva, Environment-People-Law, communicant of communication ACCC/C/2014/118