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Prof. Viet Koester
Chairman of the Compliance Committee
Convention on Access to Information,
Public Participation in Decision-making and
Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Dear Mr. Koester,

The Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine presents its compliments to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and Secretary of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) and highly appreciates its tremendous contribution to the Aarhus Convention implementation's issues in Central Eastern Europe, particularly in Ukraine.

Ukraine was one of the first countries that signed (Denmark, 1998) and ratified (1999) the Aarhus convention. Since then Ukraine has been undertaking a wide range of implementation measures. Unfortunately for last 3 years we could not make sufficient coordination of Aarhus convention because of the number of reorganizations in the Ministry.

Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine informs that the Division on communication with Verhovna Rada of Ukraine, public participation and communication with mass media will be responsible for Aarhus convention implementation in Ukraine.

By this letter we would like to nominate Mr. Leonid Yaremenko, Deputy Head of Division on communication with Verhovna Rada of Ukraine, public participation and communication with mass media, as a National Focal Point of the Aarhus convention.

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Also, we would like to inform you that we have created the Working group for elaboration the National Strategy for Transposing the Convention's provisions into national legislative on environment. We will inform you about the Strategy elaboration procedure soon.

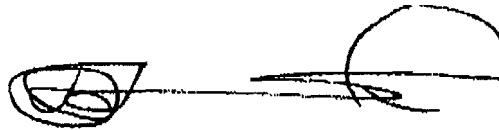
Taking this into account we would ask you not to take the strict measures regard to Ukraine, concerning the suspension of the operation of a treaty, of the special rights and privileges accorded to Ukraine under the Convention on the twelfth Meeting of Compliance Committee on June 2006.

With hope for your understanding and our future cooperation.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Deputy Minister



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Attachment: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
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