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Dear Mr. Karpuk,

Re: Decision II/5b of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention concerning compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention

On behalf of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee, I wish to thank you very much for your letter of 5 June 2006, which was considered by the Committee at its twelfth meeting (Geneva, 14-16 June 2006).

The Committee notes with appreciation your intention to cooperate with it in addressing the issues raised by Decision II/5b. The establishment of a national focal point is a necessary and important step which will greatly facilitate future communication.

The Committee invites you to submit the strategy described in paragraph 3 of Decision II/5b, originally due to have been submitted by the end of 2005, by the extended deadline of 1 September 2006.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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

Cc: Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva