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Dear Ms. Daugirdaite,

Re: Decision III/6d of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention concerning compliance by Lithuania with its obligations under the Convention

Hereby I would like to draw your attention to decision III/6d adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention at its third session on 13 June 2008 in Riga, Latvia, concerning compliance by Lithuania with its obligations under the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2/Add.12).

At its thirtieth meeting (14-17 December 2010), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee noted with appreciation that Lithuania had submitted the requested information on 13 December 2010. The Committee found that Lithuania had progressed with implementing the action plan following the recommendations of the Meeting of the Parties adopted at its third session.

In addition, the Committee requested the secretariat to invite you to provide updated information about the progress of Lithuania in passing the laws described in the action plan and further clarification on the following:

- (a) Who bears the duty to give public notice about the environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure? Is it the developer, the public authorities, or both?
- (b) What is the time frame provided by law for the public to submit comments on the EIA for a project like a landfill?

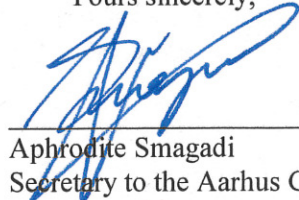
Please provide your response as soon as possible, but not later than **11 February 2011**. In providing your response, please address the questions of the Committee in a brief and explicit manner and provide the text of the relevant legislative and/or regulatory provisions in English or in Russian.

At its thirty-first meeting (22-25 February 2011), the Committee will finalize its report to the Meeting of the Parties, which is going to hold its fourth session in June 2011. In its report the Committee will include a review on the progress made by Lithuania in implementing the recommendations of the decision during the inter-sessional period, and future recommendations as appropriate. The requested information is essential for the Committee to make its assessment on the progress reached by Lithuania and report to the Meeting of the Parties. Given the progress noted so far and depending on the response received, the Committee considers to recommend

to the Meeting of the Parties that Lithuania has implemented the recommendations set in decision III/6d and that no follow-up action would be required after the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (public.participation@unece.org) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Aphrodite Smagadi
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
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