



UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

The Executive Secretary

Under-Secretary-General

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Excellency,

At its fourth session (Chisinau, 29 June–1 July 2011), the Meeting of the Parties to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) adopted decision IV/9g on compliance by Turkmenistan with its obligations under the Convention (enclosed). At its thirty-seventh meeting, held in Geneva from 26 to 29 June 2012, the Committee requested the secretariat to remind you of the obligations of Turkmenistan deriving from this decision (see report of the Compliance Committee on its thirty-seventh meeting, ECE/MP.PP/C.2/2012/5, para. 51).

Specifically, at its fourth session, the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention decided to suspend the caution issued to Turkmenistan, and which had entered into effect on 1 May 2009, through decision III/6g. Also, through paragraph 3 of the decision, the Meeting of the Parties decided that the caution would re-enter into effect on 1 January 2013 unless Turkmenistan had amended the Act of Public Associations with a view to bringing all of its provisions into compliance with the Convention, as requested by the Meeting of the Parties through paragraph 2 of decision II/5c. The successful fulfilment of the conditions was to be established by the Compliance Committee.

As requested in decision IV/9g of the Meeting of the Parties, Turkmenistan should inform the secretariat about the successful fulfilment of the condition set by that decision by 1 October 2012.

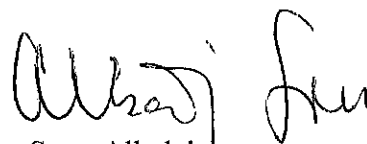
His Excellency
Mr. Babageldi Annabayramov
Minister of Nature Protection
of Turkmenistan
Ashgabad



At its thirty-ninth meeting (Geneva, 11–14 December 2012), the Committee will consider the material you submit and will establish whether the caution should re-enter into effect on 1 January 2013.

On behalf of UNECE, I would like to express the willingness of the secretariat to work with the Government of Turkmenistan to assist it in meeting its obligations under the Aarhus Convention.

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



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Encl: Decision IV/9g of the Meeting of the Parties on compliance by Turkmenistan with its
obligations under the Convention (in Russian)