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The Executive Secretary

Under-Secretary-General

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Excellency,

I refer to my letter of 25 January 2013, informing the President of Turkmenistan about the outcome of the discussion of the Compliance Committee of the UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) at its thirty-ninth meeting (Geneva, 11-14 December 2012), and that the caution lifted through decision IV/9g of the Meeting of the Parties (fourth session, Chisinau, 29 June – 1 July 2011) had re-entered into effect on 1 January 2013. In that letter, I had also conveyed the request of the Committee that Turkmenistan should report on the progress made to fulfill the conditions set by this decision on 1 June and 1 November 2013.

At its forty-first meeting held in Geneva on 25-28 June 2013, the Committee noted that despite the earlier reminder sent by the secretariat, no information had been received by the deadline of 1 June 2013.

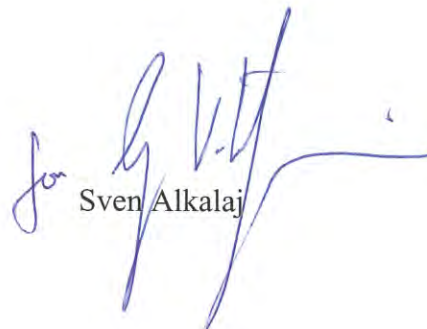
I would strongly encourage Turkmenistan to provide the requested information as soon as possible, but no later than 15 August 2013, to enable the Committee to consider it at its forty-second meeting to be held in Geneva on 24-27 September 2013. At that meeting, the Committee will also consider its recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties (fifth session, Maastricht, 30 June – 2 July 2014) which does not exclude a recommendation that the issued caution remains in effect.

His Excellency
Mr. Rashid Meredov
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Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan
Ashgabat



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

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sven Alkalaj', is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sven Alkalaj

cc: Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan
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