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4 April 2017

Dear Ms. Malkina,

Re: Decision V/9c concerning compliance by Belarus with its obligations
under the Aarhus Convention

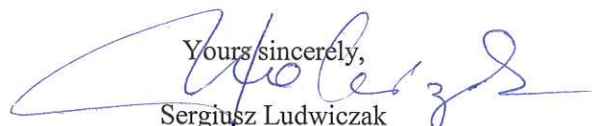
Please find enclosed the Committee's second progress review on the implementation of decision V/9c concerning compliance by Belarus. The Committee's second progress review examines the progress made by the Party concerned to implement decision V/9n to date, including the legislation adopted by the Party concerned on 13 and 19 January 2017.

I would like to draw your particular attention to paragraphs 52-131 of the enclosed second progress review, which set out the Committee's considerations and conclusions on the extent to which the requirements of decision V/9c have been met thus far.

Please note that, as explained in paragraph 131 of the enclosed progress review, in the light of the Committee's own deadline for finalizing its report to the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties, all measures necessary to implement decision V/9c should be completed by, and reported upon, by no later than 25 April 2017, as that will be the final opportunity for the Party concerned to demonstrate to the Committee that it has fully met the requirements of decision V/9c.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat at aarhus.compliance@unece.org if you have any questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure