



Executive Secretary
Under-Secretary-General

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Excellency,

With reference to decision V/9m concerning compliance by Ukraine with its obligations under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention), adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its fifth session (Maastricht, the Netherlands, 29 June–1 July 2014), I have the honour to forward to you a review examining the progress made by Ukraine in implementing decision V/9m to date.

I would like to draw your particular attention to paragraphs 48–55 of the enclosed progress review, which set out the Committee's findings and conclusions regarding the extent to which the requirements of decision V/9m have been met thus far. Please note, as explained in paragraph 53 of the enclosed review, in the light of the Committee's own deadline for finalizing its report to the Meeting of the Parties at its sixth session (Budva, Montenegro, 11–14 September 2017), all measures necessary to implement decision V/9m must be completed by and reported upon by no later than **20 February 2017**, which will be the final opportunity for the Government of Ukraine to demonstrate to the Committee that it has fully met the requirements of the decision.

In that connection, I would like to take this opportunity to also bring to your attention that the caution issued in relation to the subject of decision V/9m, in place since the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties, remains valid.

Taking into account the progress reports and other information received by the deadline mentioned above, the Committee will prepare the relevant sections of its draft report to the Meeting of the Parties.

His Excellency
Mr. Pavlo Klimkin
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Kyiv

On behalf of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, I would like to express the willingness of the secretariat to work with the Government of Ukraine in meeting its obligations under the Aarhus Convention. Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (aarhus.compliance@unece.org) if you require any further information.

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



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Enclosure

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