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Mr. Ivan Narkevitch
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Republic of Belarus

Dear Mr. Narkevitch,

**Re: Request for advice by Belarus regarding the implementation of the Convention
(ACCC/A/2014/01)**

At its fiftieth meeting (Geneva, 6-9 October 2015), the Committee discussed in open session the request by Belarus to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties for interpretation of certain provisions of the Convention, as well as the procedure agreed by the Meeting of the Parties with respect to such requests (para. 53 of the report of the fifth session).

The Committee considered that, with respect to the Committee's procedures, the request by Belarus was a request by the Party concerned for the Committee to provide advice to an individual Party regarding the implementation of the Convention, in accordance with paragraph 36 (a) of the annex to decision I/7.

The request has been registered under the symbol ACCC/A/2014/01, which Belarus is invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. The main documentation relating to the request is now available on the Committee's web site at: <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/cc/a1.html>.

At the fiftieth meeting, it was agreed that the secretariat would prepare its draft in response to the request of Belarus, which would be posted on the Committee's webpage four weeks in advance of its fifty-first meeting. The Committee agreed to discuss the secretariat's draft in open session at its fifty-first meeting taking into account comments received from observers, and to thereafter prepare its recommendations in closed session in accordance with paragraph 33 of the annex to decision I/7.

Please find enclosed for your information the draft response by the secretariat, together with the provisional timeline for the Committee's fifty-first meeting. The request by Belarus, together with the draft response by the secretariat, is scheduled to be discussed in open session on **Tuesday, 15 December 2015 from 13.30 – 14.30**. Please let us know by **27 November 2015**, if a representative of Belarus would like to participate in the session either in person or by audio-conference, and if so, whether interpretation will be required.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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- Enc: Draft response by the secretariat to request for advice ACCC/A/2014/1 by Belarus
Provisional timeline for the Committee's fifty-first meeting (version 19 November 2015).