

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, WATERS AND FORESTS

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Ref la: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Romania with article 6 and 9 of the Convention with respect to the extension of lignite quarries in Gorj County (ACCC/C/2016/140)

Dear Chair,

We would like to forward you our response to the Compliance Committee's letter dated 22 December 2020 by which a number of questions were addressed to the Party concerned.

Please find in the Annex to this letter our opinion and our answers to the questions addressed to us in the above mentioned request.

We would like to express our thanks to the Compliance Committee for the work undertaken in order to understand and clarify the issue of the case ACCC/C/2016/140 regarding some lignite quarries in Gorj County, in Romania.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary General

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