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The Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and has the honour to forward a letter to the Chair of the Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention by Mr. Ferenc Dancs, Deputy State Secretary for Migration Challenges and North American Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary.

The Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe the assurances of its highest consideration.



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## Ms Áine Ryall

Chair of the Compliance Committee Convention Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

## <u>Geneva</u>

Budapest, "♣" March 2022

Madam Chair,

Thank You for your letter and allow me to kindly inform You about the following.

Hungary deeply regrets that all diplomatic efforts have failed to avoid the current situation in Ukraine. As our nation seeks to gain peace, we are convinced that we have to keep all channels of communication open and initiate peace negotiations as soon as possible.

We firmly believe that people fleeing war should receive protection in a safe country, therefore, the Hungarian Government offers and provides a safe shelter to everyone leaving Ukraine because of the Russian-Ukrainian war.

In light of this, and in accordance with the regulations of the Aarhus Convention, I can assure you that Hungary will provide humanitarian assistance and safe passage to Ukrainian environmental defenders and their families.

I avail myself of this opportunity to wish You good health and much success in carrying out your highly responsible duties.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Ferenc Dance