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## Dear Chair,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Compliance Committee as a whole, together with its Secretariat, for the continuous work in detecting the issues in the implementation of the Aarhus Convention and the assistance of the Parties in order to reach compliance with their obligations.

According to Decision VII/80 concerning compliance by Romania with its obligations under the Convention, adopted in October 2021 at the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention, Romania is requested to submit a plan of action, including a time schedule, to the Committee by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 regarding the implementation of the recommendations contained in that decision.

In this context, we are hereby submitting Romania's Plan of action (in electronic format, attached to this letter) which comprises a set of measures to ensure the implementation of the recommendations and thereby taking concrete steps towards reaching compliance with the provisions of the Aarhus Convention.

We mention that setting intermediate timelines for the proposed actions proved to be very difficult at this moment, in the context of the implementation of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan and negotiations for joining the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, both actions requiring full mobilisation of all the Romanian authorities. Details about the progress made in implementing the measures proposed in the plan of action will be provided in the progress report that will be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

Romania would like to express once again its willingness to closely collaborate with the Compliance Committee in order to reach compliance with the Aarhus Compliance in the intersessional period, before the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties, and to continue its efforts of implement its recommendations in due time.

Minister

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