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Dear Ms. Volchuga, Mr. Andrusevych,

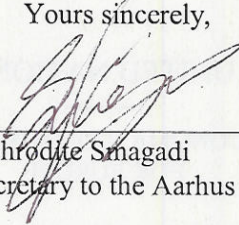
Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Belarus with provisions of the Convention in connection with access to information and public participation in decision-making on a hydro power plant project on the Neman River (Ref. ACCC/C/2009/37)

Please find enclosed the draft findings of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee regarding communication ACCC/C/2009/37 (Belarus). The Committee completed its work on the preparation of the draft findings in closed session at its twenty-eighth meeting (15-18 June 2010). Due the issue of confidentiality, the draft was first sent to the communicant on 14 July 2010 to seek their agreement for the information contained in the draft findings to become public. On the same date, the communicant, through their representative Mr. Andriy Andrusevych, provided their agreement to the text.

The draft findings are now sent to both the Party concerned and the communicant for comment in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/7. You are invited to reply with your comments by **31 August 2010**. In finalizing the findings, the Committee will take into account any comments you submit on the draft by the set deadline.

Should you have any questions with regard to the procedure, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: The communicant

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Enc Draft findings on communication ACCC/C/2009/37