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Excellency,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Kazakhstan with provisions of the Convention in connection with public participation in the conduct of state environmental review (expertize) for the South West Roads Project (Ref. ACCC/C/2011/59)

At its fortieth meeting (Geneva, 25-28 March 2013), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee adopted its findings with regard to the above communication in closed session, taking into account the comments on the draft findings received from the parties.

Please find enclosed an advance unedited English copy of the Committee's findings as adopted. This will in due course be produced as a formal UN document, in the three official UNECE languages.

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

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: Findings (advance unedited copy in English) on communication ACCC/C/2011/59