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Dear Mr. Braliev,

Re: Decision III/6c of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention concerning compliance by Kazakhstan with its obligations under the Convention

Hereby I would like to draw your attention to decision III/6c adopted by the Parties to the Aarhus Convention at their third meeting on 13 June 2008 in Riga, Latvia, concerning compliance by Kazakhstan with its obligations under the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2/Add.11). The decision was adopted in accordance with article 15 of the Convention and decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties on review of compliance. An advance copy of decision III/6c is enclosed.

The report of the third meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2) and its addenda are available on the website (www.unece.org/env/pp/mop3/mop3.docv.htm).

The Compliance Committee at its twenty-first meeting (17-19 September 2008) considered the decisions of the third meeting of the Parties concerning compliance by individual Parties, inter alia, in connection with its obligation to report on their implementation to the next meeting of the Parties. The Committee requested the secretariat to send a reminder to each of the Parties concerned, highlighting, in particular, the relevant deadlines and the kinds of information to be provided to the Committee.

In this regard, I would like to draw your attention to paragraph 7 of decision III/5c through which the Meeting of the Parties invited the Government of Kazakhstan to report to the Meeting of the Parties, through the Compliance Committee, six months before the fourth meeting of the Parties, on the measures taken in connection with bringing about full compliance with article 9 of the Convention and ensuring effective

implementation of article 6, including, as appropriate, any further developments in the legislative framework and detailed procedures, and in particular, their practical application in connection with providing the public with various effective means of participation in decision-making, ensuring that due account is taken of the public comments and also that activities subject to article 6 of the Convention are not carried out prior to the completion of the corresponding permitting processes in which the required level of public participation has been provided for.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (public.participation@unece.org) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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Cc: Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations Offices in Geneva

Encl: Decision III/6c of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention concerning compliance by Kazakhstan with its obligations under the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2/Add.11)