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Dear Sir,

**Re: Decision IV/9b of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters ("Aarhus Convention")**

As you are aware, at its fourth session (Chisinau, 29 June-1 July 2011), the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters ("Aarhus Convention") adopted decision IV/9b on compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Convention, attached for your reference.

Through paragraph 5 of decision IV/9b, the Meeting of the Parties invited Belarus to draw up an action plan for implementing the recommendations set out in that decision with a view to submitting an initial progress report to the Committee by 1 December 2011, and the action plan by 1 April 2012.

At its thirty-sixth meeting (Geneva, 13-16 December 2011), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee will review progress in the implementation of decision IV/9b. We thus write as a courtesy to remind you of the upcoming deadline of **1 December 2011** for the submission of the initial progress report.

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You are invited to contact the secretariat if you require any clarification regarding the above.

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

Yours sincerely,



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