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**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) and follow-up on the Committee's recommendations on ACCC/C/2009/44**

Dear Sir,

I write at the request of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee. I would firstly like to thank you for the progress report sent to the Committee on 16 December 2014, and the additional information provided by the Government of Belarus to assist the Committee on 19 February 2014.

At its forty-third meeting (Geneva, 17-20 December 2013), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee reviewed the progress made by Belarus with regard to the implementation of decision IV/9b of the Meeting of the Parties concerning compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention, as well as Belarus' progress in implementing the recommendations contained in the Compliance Committee's findings on ACCC/C/2009/44. Taking into account the information received, the Committee prepared its draft report to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session on the implementation of the decision and the Committee's recommendations, completing its draft report after the meeting using its electronic decision-making procedure.

The Committee's draft report is now being forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration and possible comments. You are requested to provide your comments as soon as possible, but no later than **21 March 2014**.

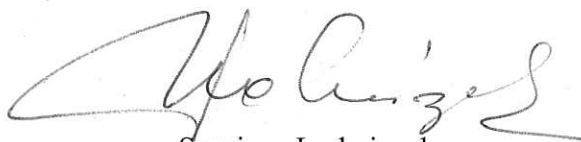
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In your response, please indicate whether you agree with the Committee's recommendations. The draft report will also be forwarded to the communicants in ACCC/C/2009/44 for their possible comments by the same date. Taking into account the comments received by the set date, the Committee will finalize and adopt its report and submit it to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session.

In addition, it is my pleasure to share with you the comments prepared by the Compliance Committee on the draft "Law of the Republic of Belarus to introduce amendments and additions to certain laws of the Republic of Belarus with regard to public participation in making environmentally significant decisions and public access to environmental information". Please note that these comments are provided as an assistance to support Belarus in its efforts to meet its obligations under the Convention, but do not preclude the Compliance Committee from examining the compliance of the draft law, once adopted, with the provisions of the Convention.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat ([aarhus.compliance@unece.org](mailto:aarhus.compliance@unece.org)) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations Office  
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