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Dear Sir,

Re: Decision IV/9c 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 with the Committee recommendations on ACCC/C/2011/59

I refer to my letter of 2 May 2013, inviting you to update the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee on the measures taken to comply with the measures referred to in decision III/6c, as requested by decision IV/9c; and to submit a list of relevant case law by 10 June 2013.

At its forty-first meeting (Geneva, 25-28 June 2013), the Committee observed that Kazakhstan had failed to submit the requested information by the set deadline of 10 June 2013. The Committee also considered that based on the information received from the observers, the Party concerned appeared to be in non-compliance with article 9, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Convention; and that despite the engagement demonstrated at the beginning of the intersessional period, the Party concerned had not shown any progress and the Committee was considering recommending the Meeting of the Parties to issue a caution at its fifth session. The Committee requested the secretariat to invite Kazakhstan to submit the requested information as soon as possible.

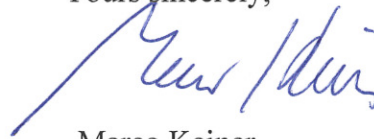
It is noted that on 4 July 2013, after the Committee's forty-first meeting, the secretariat received the information expected on 10 June 2013. The information has been forwarded to the Committee by electronic means.

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The Committee will review the situation with respect to the implementation of decision IV/9c at its forty-second meeting (Geneva, 24-27 September 2013). At that meeting, the Committee will also review progress with respect to its **recommendations on communication ACCC/C/2011/59**, which had been made with the agreement of the Party concerned. You are therefore invited to update the Committee on the measures, if any, taken as a follow-up to the Committee's recommendation on that matter **no later than 9 September 2013**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,



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