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To: Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee
Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access
to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention)

Subject: **Decision V/9j concerning compliance by Romania with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention**

Dear Ms. Fiona Marshall,

We would like to thank you for the collaboration and excellent work of the Compliance Committee in evaluating our first progress report.

On 31 October 2015 Romania had to provide its second progress report. In order to better evaluate the 2015 achievements, we took into account the postponement of its transmission by 31 December 2015, as you suggested in your considerations and evaluation section, for the following reason:

In order to have an overview picture we would also take the opportunity to include in our report the conclusions of the Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests (MEWF) project "Professional training of competent environmental authorities on environmental impact assessment and environmental assessment for the programming period 2014-2020" which ended on 29 October 2015. In this project we had among the training curricula, fundamental items on access to information and public participation in decision making in the context of EIA and SEA implementation procedure. Therefore, we have to assess performance indicators such as the number of persons from the environmental authorities trained and persons from the management authorities for European structural funds trained.

Please be sure that our document will also address the Compliance Committee's first progress review evaluation in a holistic manner.

Sincerely Yours,

**General Director,
Dorina MOCANU**