General Directorate for Impact Assessment and Pollution Control

To: Ms. Fionna MARSHALL, Secretary to the Aarhus Convention

Ref: Information concerning the implementation of recommendations contained in Decision V/9j compliance by Romania

Dear Ms. Fionna MARSHALL,

First of all I would like to thank you very much for your collaboration and fairness which you have given proof regarding this subject.

Regarding your letter from 3th January 2017, we would like to inform you the following aspects concerning the implementation of recommendations contained in Decision V/9j compliance by Romania.

Ministry of Environment is the central public authority responsible for implementing the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, signed in Aarhus on 25 June 1998 (the Aarhus Convention), ratified by Romania Law no. 86/2000.

Ministry of Environment maintain the measures specified and assumed by Romania in letters no.: 96378/DM/30.12.2015, 97226/DM/16.04.2016, 96841/DM/18.03.2016 as well no. 98932/DM/05.10.2016.

Therewith, it's possible to intervene some delay due to the acquisition procedure within the project "Training of staff of competent environmental authorities on environmental impact assessment and environmental assessment for 2014-2020" stage 2, as well as administrative changes occurring this period in the management and organigram of the public authorities at the central level.

As soon as possible the training session will be initiate, we will inform you about every step taken to met the requirements of decision V/9j.

After the initial training session, Ministry of Environment will submit the presentation on the public participation, elaborated by Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions (JASPER), as we assumed in the latest progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of decision V/9j (letter no. 98932/DM/05.10.2016).

Regarding the reasonable time frames this will be changed in the near future because of the legislative amendments proposed by the new European legislation which have to be transposed into national legislation (e.g. Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 amending Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, etc.).



We would like to assure you that Romania continues to comply with all the provision of the Aarhus Convention as well as the measures and recommendation taken by the Convention Compliance Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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