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8 April 2015

Dear Madam,

Re: Submission to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Belarus in connection with public participation in decision-making concerning the Ostrevets nuclear power plant (ACCC/S/2015/02)

On 27 March 2015, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received the above submission addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The submission concerns compliance by the Republic of Belarus with article 3, paragraph 9 and article 6, paragraphs 2, 3, 6 and 8, of the Convention in connection with public participation in decision-making concerning the Ostrevets nuclear power plant.

Please find enclosed a copy of the submission, which is being forwarded to you in accordance with paragraph 15 of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention.

The submission has been registered under the symbol ACCC/S/2015/02, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. The main documentation relating to the communication will be shortly available on the Committee's web site at: http://www.unece.org/submissions.html.

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Having regard to paragraph 15 of the annex to decision I/7, you are kindly invited to submit your reply, together with any supporting information, to the Committee within three months of the date of this letter (i.e. by 8 July 2015).

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

Yours sincerely,

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