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The Executive Secretary

Under-Secretary-General

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Excellency,

At the outset, let me state that I understand the difficult conditions under which you must currently carry out your functions. I also appreciate that there are no doubt many pressing issues demanding your attention at the present time. However, the secretariat has the obligation to convey the following message to you.

At its forty-third meeting (Geneva, 17-20 December 2013), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee reviewed the progress made by Ukraine with regard to the implementation of decision IV/9h of the Meeting of the Parties concerning compliance by the Government of Ukraine with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention. 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 that decision, completing its 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 not later than **12 April 2014**. 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/2004/3 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.

His Excellency
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In this context, I wish to stress that confirmation that the relevant legislation bringing Ukraine into compliance with the provisions of the Convention has been passed into law will be critical to the recommendations that the Committee will make in its report to the Meeting of the Parties.

On behalf of ECE, I would like to express the willingness of the secretariat to work with the Government of Ukraine in meeting its obligations under the Aarhus Convention. Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (aarhus.compliance@unece.org) if you require any further information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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