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Mr. Lavdosh Ferruni and Mr. Ardian Klosi
Civic Alliance for the Protection of the Bay of Vlora
Rr. Sami Frasheri
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Dear Mr. Ferruni and Mr. Klosi,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the European Community with the provisions of the Convention in connection with actions of the European Investment Bank (Ref. ACCC/C/2007/21)


At its twenty-third meeting (31 March – 3 April 2009), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concluded its preparation of findings with regard to the above communication, taking into account comments on the draft findings received from the Party concerned on 18 February 2009 and 18 March 2009 and from the communicant on 1 March 2009 and 2 April 2009.

Please find enclosed an advance copy of the Committee's findings, which is also being sent to the Party concerned. These will in due course be produced as an addendum to the report of the twenty-third meeting of the Committee.

The Committee took note of comments provided in writing by you on the final day of its twenty-third meeting requesting that the Party concerned be asked to respond to your comments of 1 March 2009, that the Committee keep the case open until its twenty-fourth meeting and that a new curator coming from a non-EU country be assigned to the case. The Committee agreed not to reopen its deliberations on the communication. It recalled that its members act in a personal capacity, that none of them belong to an executive branch of government, that all of the Committee's findings, including in the present case, had been adopted by consensus, and that its working methods had been endorsed by the Meeting of the Parties.

The secretariat notes that you have provided additional comments by e-mail on 5 May 2009. These have been circulated to the Committee and are being forwarded to the Party concerned for information.

Yours sincerely,



Jeremy Wates

Secretary

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Cc: Mr. Charles Pirotte, Aarhus Convention Focal Point, Environment Directorate-General, Communication & Governance Unit (ENV.A.1), Belgium

Encs. Findings of the Compliance Committee with regard to communication ACCC/C/2007/21 (advance unofficial copy)