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Dear Mr. Pirotte,

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

With regard to your email of 20 May 2008 indicating that the European Community would require additional time to prepare its response with regard to the above communication: the Committee, having discussed the matter at its twentieth meeting (8-10 June 2008), took note of this information as well as of the fact that the original mailing of the communication did not reach you until 14 January 2008 for technical reasons. It agreed that the timing for the response should be calculated from 14 January 2008 and the response would therefore normally be due from the EC no later than 14 June 2008. It also understood that the delay was caused, inter alia, by the need to coordinate the response between several different institutions of the Community.

The Committee intends to have a discussion on the subject matter of the communication at its twenty-first meeting (17-19 September 2008). To this end, the Committee would be grateful to receive the EC's response at the latest by 10 August 2008.

Yours sincerely,

[original signed]

Jeremy Wates
Secretary

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

Cc: Mr. Lavdosh Ferruni and Dr. Ardian Klosi, Civic Alliance for the Protection of the Bay of Vlora, Albania