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Dear Ms. Sanchis Moreno, Mr. Salazar Ortuño,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Spain with the provisions of the Convention in connection with decision-making on a residential development project in the city of Murcia, Spain (Ref. ACCC/C/2008/24)

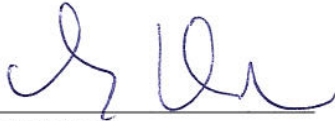
At its twenty-fourth meeting (30 June – 3 July 2009), the Committee continued its work to prepare draft findings with respect to the above communication, taking into account inter alia the supplementary information provided by you at the request of the Committee at its previous meeting (ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2009/2, para. 15). The Committee noted with regret that the written response from the Party concerned, which had been due by 7 January 2009, had only been received shortly before the meeting but decided nonetheless to take it into account.

The Committee did not complete the task of preparing draft findings but agreed to continue its deliberations on the matter in closed session at its twenty-fifth meeting (22-25 September 2009), with a view to completing the preparation of the draft findings and, if appropriate, recommendations at that meeting. The draft findings will then be sent for comment to the Party concerned and to the communicant, in accordance with paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/7. The Committee will take into account any comments received when finalizing and adopting the draft findings and, as appropriate, recommendations at its twenty-sixth meeting (15-18 December 2009).

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

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Wates', written over a horizontal line.

Jeremy Wates

Secretary

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

Cc: Mr. Juan Manuel García Bartolomé, National Focal Point for the Aarhus Convention, Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs, Madrid, Spain