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Dear Mr. García Bartolomé,

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)

Having taken note of the comments received by the Party concerned (on 11 and 15 December 2009) and the communicant (on 11 December and 17 December 2009) to the draft findings circulated by the secretariat on 13 November 2009, the Compliance Committee at its twenty-sixth meeting (15-18 December 2009) more or less completed the preparation of its findings and recommendations concerning the above referenced communication. Further to the letter of the Party concerned dated 13 January 2010 expressing the Spain's agreement that the Committee's recommendations would enhance the application of the Convention in Spain, the Committee used its electronic decision-making procedure to finalize and adopt the text of the findings and recommendations.

Enclosed hereby you may find an advance unedited copy of the Committee's findings in English. The text of the findings and recommendations will be produced as an official United Nations document in due course, at which point it will be available in all three official UNECE languages, i.e. in French and Russian as well as in English. Meanwhile editorial or minor substantive changes (that is changes which are not part of the editorial process and aim at correcting errors in the argumentation, but have no impact on the findings and conclusions) may take place.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Wates

Secretary

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in
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Encs. Findings on communication ACCC/C/2008/24

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