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Subject: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the European Community with provisions of the Convention in connection with access by members of the public to review procedures (ACCC/C/2008/32)

Dear Mr Wates,

As agreed on the occasion of the discussion by the Compliance Committee, during its 25th meeting (23 September 2009), of the above-mentioned communication, you will find attached the written text of the statement made by the Commission, on behalf of the European Community, as Party concerned.

I also enclose, for the Committee's convenience, a copy of the aide-mémoire on the issue of the (non-)applicability of Article 9(2) of the Aarhus Convention in the context of communication ACCC/C/2008/32, which was made available to the Committee and other participants in the discussion held on 23 September 2009.

Yours sincerely,

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