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Dear Mr. Hart,
Dear Mr. Thornton

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Germany with provisions of the Convention in connection with German legislation on access to justice in environmental matters (Ref. ACCC/C/2008/31)

At its thirty-third meeting (27-28 June 2011), the Committee considered the progress on the above-referenced communication and decided that it would be important for its consideration to await the decision of the German Court (Higher Administrative Court for the Nordrhein-Westfalen Land in Germany) after the preliminary ruling of the Court of Justice of the EU (Case C-115/09). It therefore deferred its decision on when to discuss the communication for its thirty-fourth meeting (20-23 September 2011).

Yours sincerely,

Aphrodite Smagadi
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

cc: Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

