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Dear Ms. Smagadi,

please find enclosed the Response of the Federal Republic of Germany to the communication of ClientEarth to the Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention, reference no. ACCC/C/2008/31. The original will be submitted by standard mail.

In addition, I enclose

- the judgement of the European Court of Justice on Case C-115/09 in English, and
- the Umwelt-Rechtsbehelfsgesetz (Environmental Appeals Act) in German and English.

I regret that a submission earlier than this was not possible. Therefore, I would like to apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

With regard to your letter as of today I would like to inform you that I will notify you of the decision of the German Court (Higher Administrative Court for North Rhine-Westfalia) as soon as the judgement has been delivered.

Yours sincerely,

For the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety



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