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Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Denmark with provisions of the Convention in connection with fees for appeals to the Nature and Environment Appeal Board (Ref. ACCC/C/2011/57)

Dear Ms. Smagadi

Dansk Ornitologisk Forening, DOF BirdLife Denmark has received your letter from the 16th of August 2011 concerning our communication to the Aarhus Convention, symbol ACCC/C/2011/57.

On behalf of DOF I do appreciate your invitation to participate in the open session of the Compliance Committee on the 22nd of September during their discussions of the substance of our communication.

I am sorry to inform you that I myself am unable to participate in the open session, because I have promised our Belarussian BirdLife partner to give a lecture during a workshop in Minsk that day.

Instead, I have asked Mr. Per Janfelt to represent me and DOF during the session. Per Janfelt is a retired judge and work for DOF as volunteer with preparation of the appeals referred to in our communication. Per Janfelt is member of the board of our local branch in Northern Schleswig, and he is the person behind the Case Study, Enclosure 3 in our communication.

I am certain that Per Janfelt will be a good representative of DOF during the session. Attached you will find the Registration Formula for Mr. Janfelt.

We thankfully accept your offer to cover the travel and subsistence cost of our representative, since we have had our liquidity strained by the new appeal fee, which is the item of the hearing.

We kindly request to see the answer to your letter of 14 March 2011 from the State of Denmark.

Yours sincerely



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