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8 May 2012

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Dear Mr. Djurhuus,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Denmark with the provisions on public participation in the adoption of river management plans (Ref. ACCC/C/2012/67)**

On 23 February 2012, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received from you the above communication addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Denmark with provisions of the Convention on public participation in the adoption of river management plans. The communication was submitted in accordance with the provisions of chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2012/67, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. The main documentation relating to the communication will be shortly available on the Committee's web site at: <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/pubcom.htm>.

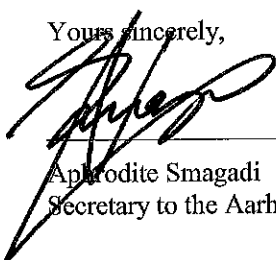
The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its thirty-sixth meeting (27-30 March 2012), has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. A copy of the preliminary determination on admissibility is attached. Please note, however, that the Committee has not reached any conclusions with respect to the compliance issues referred to in the communication.

In order to facilitate further consideration of the communication, the Committee has requested the secretariat to invite you to address a number of questions that are annexed to this letter. Please provide any supplementary documentation which is necessary to substantiate your response to the questions. At the same time, you are encouraged to avoid submitting to the Committee excessive documentation which is not strictly relevant to the allegation of non-compliance.

In a letter to the Party concerned, a copy of which you will receive for your information, the Committee has invited the Party to address other questions. You are welcome to respond to those question, if you so wish.

You are invited to submit your response to the Committee as soon as possible, but no later than **8 October 2012**.  
Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Aphrodite Smagadi  
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

- cc: Mr. Morten Imer Moller, Danish Environmental Protection Agency  
Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva
- Enc. Preliminary determination on admissibility  
Datasheet on the communication