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Dear Mr Moller, Mr. Djurhuss

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)

At its thirty-ninth meeting (Geneva, 11-14 December 2012), the Compliance Committee took note of the letters received by the Party concerned on 8 October 2012 and 9 November 2012, concerning the fact that the legal issue presented in the above-referenced communication was pending before both the Danish courts and the Nature and Environmental Board of Appeal; and of the extensive comment received from the communicant on 29 November 2012.

In addition, on 10 December 2012, the Party concerned informed the Committee of the recent decision of the Nature and Environment Board which appeared to address the concerns expressed in the communication. The Party also requested the Committee to defer consideration on how to further deal with the communication at its next meeting.

The Committee then decided to ask both the Party concerned and the communicant to comment on the recent decision of the Nature and Environmental Board of Appeal. You are now invited to submit your comments no later than **11 February 2013**. The Committee will discuss how to proceed with the case at its fortieth meeting (Geneva, 25-28 March 2013), after it receives your replies.

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