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Alain Lebrun
on behalf of "Ardenne liégeoises" and "Terre wallonne"
Avocat
4030 Grivegnée
Belgium

Dear Mr. Lebrun,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Belgium in connection with costs for access to justice (ACCC/C/2014/111)

On 12 May 2014, 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 Belgium with the provisions of the Convention in connection with its obligations under article 9, paragraph 3 and 4 of the Convention in relation to costs for access to justice. 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/2014/111, 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.html>.

The Compliance Committee considered the admissibility of the communication at its forty-seventh meeting (16-19 December 2014) and determined it to be admissible on a preliminary basis 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F Marshall".

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Mr. Joseph Van der Stegen, Attaché of Public Service of Wallonia, Department of European Policies and International Agreements, Belgium

Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility