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**Subject: Request for extension of the deadline for the European Commission, to submit its comments, on behalf of the European Union, on the draft findings and recommendations by the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee with regard to case ACCC/C/2014/121 concerning compliance by the European Union with the Convention's provisions on public participation in decision-making**

Dear Ms Marshall,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on the draft findings, which we received on 2 December 2019.

We have made good progress in finalising our draft comments on behalf of the EU. However, considering the complexity of the decision-making process at the Commission and at EU-level and the necessity to follow certain internal decision-making processes, we would like to respectfully ask for an extension of the 20 January 2020 deadline, in order to be able to complete our internal procedures. We will do our best to provide the requested answer by 17 February 2020.

We are sorry about this delay and grateful for your consideration and understanding.

Sincerely,

(e-signed)

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