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Dear Mr. Konrad, Ms. Wiedner and Ms. Barreira,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the European Union in connection with public participation in the reconsideration or updating of operating conditions under the Industrial Emissions Directive (ACCC/C/2014/121)

At its fifty-fourth meeting (Geneva, 27-30 September 2016), the Compliance Committee, after taking into account the views of the Party concerned and communicant dated 31 August and 21 September 2016 respectively, agreed that, given the substance of the communication, it would proceed to commence its deliberations on the substance of the communication without holding a hearing. In agreeing to proceed in this manner, the Committee noted that it reserved the possibility to revisit its decision at a later date if it became evident in the course of its deliberations that a hearing would in fact be necessary to clarify certain legal or factual points.

The Committee thereafter requested the secretariat to invite the parties to provide any further written submissions on the substance of the communication that they wished the Committee to consider when deliberating on its draft findings.

I would accordingly be grateful to receive any further written submissions you wish to put before the Committee by **Friday, 30 November 2016**. Please send your submissions to aarhus.compliance@unece.org, copying the other party. The Committee will consider any submissions received by the above deadline when commencing its deliberations on its draft findings at its upcoming fifty-fifth meeting (Geneva, 6-9 December 2016).

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva