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Cristiano Piacente  
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Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea  
Rome  
Italy

Dear Mr. Piacente,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Italy in connection with judicial fees (ACCC/C/2015/130)**

On 12 May 2015, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received the above communication addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Italy with article 3, paragraph 8 and article 9, paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Convention in connection with its judicial fees regime. 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.

Please find enclosed a copy of the communication, which is being forwarded to you at the request of the Committee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 22 of the annex to decision I/7.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2015/130, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. The main documentation relating to the communication is available on the Committee's web site at: <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/pubcom.html>.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its forty-ninth meeting (30 June-3 July 2015), 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.

Having regard to paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7, you are kindly invited to submit to the Committee, as soon as possible but at the latest within five months of the date of this letter (i.e. by **5 March 2016**), any written explanations or statements clarifying the matter referred to in the communication and describing any response that may have been made in the meantime.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Fiona Marshall  
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

- Cc: Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva  
WWF Italia, the communicant  
Mr. Alessandro Giadrossi, representing the communicant
- Enc: Communication ACCC/C/2015/130 (including 8 supporting documents)  
Preliminary determination on admissibility