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18 November 2015

Mr Alain Lebrun
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Dear Mr Lebrun,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning
compliance by Belgium with provisions of the Convention
in connection with access to environmental information**

I refer to the communication submitted by you on 9 October 2015 on behalf of Mr Francis Doutreloux and Avala ASBL. The communication alleged non-compliance with provisions of the Convention in connection with access to environmental information.

I write to inform you that the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Compliance Committee have reviewed the above communication and have asked the secretariat to request the communicants, with respect to each of the three situations in which they claim the right of access to environmental information was unreasonably restricted:

- (i) To clearly explain all the domestic remedies that were used in each case to date, including a chronology of these, and
- (ii) To describe any available domestic remedies which have not so far been used or exhausted, together with an explanation of why each has not.

Please provide this information in a clear manner in relation to each of the three cases.

I would be grateful to receive the above-requested information before **noon next Tuesday, 24 November 2015** in order that the communication may be considered for a possible determination of preliminary admissibility by the Committee at its fifty-first meeting (Geneva, 15-18 December 2015).

If you consider that a longer timeframe would be necessary in order to provide the above-requested information, I would be grateful to receive it by **Tuesday, 2 February 2016**, in order that the communication might be considered for a possible determination of preliminary admissibility at the Committee's fifty-second meeting (Geneva, 8-11 March 2016).

I hope the above may be of assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F Marshall', is centered on a light blue rectangular background.

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee