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To: ECE-Aarhus-Compliance
Cc: Fiona Marshall
Subject: Re: ACCC/C/2015/135 (France)

Good afternoon,

The French authorities would like to thank the Committee for sending its draft findings with regard to Case C135. We have no specific comments on the draft.

However, the French authorities would like to clarify the following formal details:

- the French authorities' reply to the Committee's question as to whether a hearing was needed was dated 8 June 2018, not 8 May 2018 (paragraph 7 of the draft findings);
- the French authorities' additional submissions were dated 25 June 2018 (paragraph 8 of the draft findings; in fact, this date is shown correctly in a footnote on page 8 of the draft findings);
- Article L. 120-1 of the Environmental Code was repositioned, renumbered as 'L. 123-19-1' and amended by Order No. 2016-1060 of 3 August 2016 reforming procedures intended to ensure provision of information and public participation with regard to the preparation of certain decisions likely to have an impact on the environment (paragraphs 13, 19 and 48 of the draft findings);
- the article of the Environmental Code that relates to the standing of environmental protection associations to bring proceedings before the courts is Article L. 142-1 (paragraph 16 of the draft findings);
- Footnote 43: paragraph 43 of the draft findings reflects the argument put forward on page 4 of the French authorities' Response ('_Party's response to communication, p. __4_').

Kind regards,

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