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Mr. Claus Mayr  
Chairman  
Aachen local branch of NABU  
Aachen, Germany

Dear Mr. Mayr,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Belgium with regard to public participation in the context of the lifetime extension of Tihange I nuclear reactor (ACCC/C/2017/145)**

At its fifty-eighth meeting (Budva, 10 – 13 September 2017), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee considered the preliminary admissibility of the communication submitted by NABU on 11 March 2017. The communication alleged non-compliance with article 6 of the Convention in connection with the lifetime extension of the Tihange I nuclear reactor.

During its fifty-eighth meeting, the Committee considered NABU's communication and also the additional information that you had provided on 17 August 2017 in reply to questions sent to you by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

After considering the information before it, the Committee determined your communication to be inadmissible under paragraph 20 (d) in conjunction with paragraph 19 of the annex to decision I/7 on compliance, on the ground that the communication was not supported by sufficient corroborating information. Specifically, the Committee considered that neither your communication itself nor your reply of 17 August 2017 provided sufficient corroborating information to enable the Committee to properly examine the allegations made in the communication.

Please note that if you consider that the Committee's determination that the communication is inadmissible was based on a manifest error, you may request a reconsideration of the Committee's determination of inadmissibility. Any such request must be submitted to the secretariat, with a reasoning of no more than 1200 words (2 pages A4 size) no later than five weeks from the date of this letter.

Please further note that a determination of inadmissibility does not prevent you from submitting a new communication with regard to the same subject matter, so long as it fully remedies the faults indicated above.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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