

18 January 2019

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Dear Mr. Mielnik,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Poland with respect to public participation on farm and hunting plans and access to justice regarding plans relating to the environment (ACCC/C/2018/158)

On 22 May 2018, 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 Poland with respect to public participation on farm and hunting plans and access to justice regarding plans relating to the environment. 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.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2018/158, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. All documentation relating to the communication is available on the Committee's web site at: <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/cc/com.html>.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its sixty-second meeting (Geneva, 5-9 November 2018), 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 **18 June 2019**), 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,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

- Cc: Permanent Mission of Poland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Stowarzyszenie Pracownia na rzecz Wszystkich Istot, communicant of communication
ACCC/C/2018/158 (Poland)
- Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility