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Angelika Wiedner and Robert Konrad
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Brussels
Belgium

Dear Mr. Konrad, Ms. Wiedner,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the European Union in connection with access by members of the public to review procedures (ACCC/C/2008/32)

I write to you inform you that at its fifty-third meeting (Geneva, 21-24 June 2016), the Compliance Committee completed its draft findings regarding Part II of communication ACCC/C/2008/32.

The draft findings are now forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration and possible comments pursuant to paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/7. The Committee intends to finalize and adopt the findings at or before its fifty-fourth meeting (Geneva, 26-29 September 2016). Hence, we would be grateful if you would provide any comments by **Monday, 25 July 2016**. In finalizing the findings, the Committee will take into account any comments you submit on the draft findings by the set deadline.

The text has been drafted on the assumption that the Party concerned agrees with the Committee making recommendations in accordance with paragraph 36 (b) of the annex to decision I/7. If this is not the case, please indicate this in your reply. Given the lengthy timeframe until the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties, Committee considers that the making of recommendations directly to the Party concerned, coupled with timely action by the Party to implement such recommendations, would enable the matters to be resolved in the most expeditious way.

Should you have any questions with regard to the procedure, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Marshall', written in a cursive style.

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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Enc: Committee's draft findings on communication ACCC/C/2008/32