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Dear Ms. Feldmann,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Austria with provisions of the Convention in connection with access to justice in criminal proceedings regarding contravention of national environmental law (ACCC/C/2011/63)

At its forty-second meeting (Geneva, 24-27 September 2013), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee finalized its findings with regard to the above communication in closed session, taking into account the comments received from the Party concerned on 23 August 2013. It then adopted its findings and instructed the secretariat to prepare official versions of its adopted findings on ACCC/C/2011/63 as a formal pre-session document to its forty-fourth meeting (25-28 March 2014) and to ensure its availability in the three official ECE languages.

Please find enclosed an advance unedited English copy of the Committee's findings as adopted.

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 the Republic of Austria to the United Nations Office and other International organizations in Geneva
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Enc Findings on communication ACCC/C/2011/63