

3 December 2020

Mr. Joaquin Carril Martinez  
International Relations and EU Affairs  
Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Change  
Spain

Dear Mr. Carril Martinez,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Spain in connection with the lifetime extension of the Almaraz nuclear power plant (ACCC/C/2020/183)**

On 9 October 2020, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received from Pessoas – Animais – Natureza (PAN), a Portuguese political party, the above communication addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Spain with article 6 of the Convention on public participation in decision-making in connection with the lifetime extension of the Almaraz nuclear power plant. 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/2020/183, which you are invited to cite in any future correspondence on the matter. All documentation relating to the communication is available on the Compliance Committee's website at: <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/cc/com.html>.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its sixty-eighth meeting on 23-27 November 2020, 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 **3 May 2021**), 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,



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Fiona Marshall  
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

- Cc: Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva  
Mr. André Silva, PAN, the communicant of communication ACCC/C/2020/183  
Ms. Maria Angeles Jimenez Redondo, national focal point for the Espoo Convention, Spain
- Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility