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Distinguished delegates and colleagues at the Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention,

It is an honour to address the Aarhus Convention Parties, again through the Chair, updating you on the UNFCCC Parties' discussions on observer engagement.

The agenda item on observer engagement in the UNFCCC process was not under the discussion in the thirty-ninth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) held in Warsaw, Poland from 11 to 22 November 2013. Therefore, there is no progress in UNFCCC discussion on observer engagement since the last update in 2012. The SBI is scheduled to meet in June this year where UNFCCC Parties may discuss this issue.

Parties to the Aarhus Convention are, however, invited to review the update provided by the UNFCCC secretariat as contained in the background document FCCC/SBI/2013/4, paragraphs 29–35.

We look forward to further development on observer engagement in the UNFCCC process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megumi Endo', written over the typed name.

Yours sincerely,

Megumi Endo

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