

The final text of our intervention related Decision VI/8j is as follow:

"We appreciate your conclusions in relation to Decision VI /8j and related to paragraph 3 of the decision that concens, we would like to point out the following:

For Spain we cannot agree with Compliance Committee's findings related this paragraph .We have submitted information based on several rulings adopted by the Spanish Supreme Court which demonstrate that, according to current Spanish legislation, the NGOs that meet the requirements set forth in article 23 of Act 27/2006 of 18 July, regulating the rights of access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters, are entitled to legal aid . Furthermore, we have communicated those rulings for general knowledge to the regional administrative bodies despite it wasn't necessary because there is a general principle that says ignorance of the law not exempt from its compliance.

We consider that in the near future the Legal Aid Commissions, taking into account the repeated judgments of our Supreme Court, should not deny free legal aid to NGOs that meet the requirements of the referred Act. In case they do, the NGOs may appeal to court.

Last but not least we wonder when we'll be able to be sure that we are in compliance with the Aarhus Convention in this matter because there would be always possible that someone, despite the current legislation, adopted decisions on the contrary of this

Related to Paragraph 7 of above mentioned decision we confirm that

*In any case, Spain is about to undertake the revision of the national **integrated pollution prevention and control** (IPPC legislation), as regards the review of the Industrial Emission's Directive (IED), and will include in this legal text the recommendations made by the Committee in this report, taking into account the amendment of the instruction mentioned in paragraph 50, so as to clarify that the public is promptly informed of decisions on integrated environmental permits through at least the means used to notify of the proposed decision-making itself. This new provisions will, indeed, be applicable and binding to all the competent authorities of the Autonomous Communities"*

Many thanks

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