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## Dear Fiona and Colleagues,

We would like to inform you that as requested by the Compliance Committee, the European Commission has prepared a <u>draft action plan</u> on the EU's compliance with the Aarhus Convention.

Furthermore, the Commission held a virtual meeting on 25 April 2022 with the communicants and observers in the Aarhus Convention compliance cases against the EU covered by this action plan to discuss the draft action plan.

The main points of the meeting are summarised in the <u>minutes</u>. These also include an annex with the <u>presentation</u> by the Commission and written comments on the draft action plan by one of the <u>communicants</u>, by <u>EEB</u> (and other civil society organizations) and by <u>ClientEarth</u>.

A <u>separate action plan</u> has also been prepared for case ACCC/C/2015/128 on state aid.

The above information including the documents referred to above are also published under the News section of the relevant webpage of DG Environment: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/environment/aarhus/">https://ec.europa.eu/environment/aarhus/</a> For your convenience, a copy of all documents are also attached.

We are still in the process of finalizing the action plans, following the stakeholder consultation, and aim to submit them to you in July. We apologise for the delay in submitting the final versions.

Kind regards,

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