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Subject: RE: Decision VII/8p (Spain) - update from communicant

Dear colleagues Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee,

In response to the last communicant's comments we would like to add that as we have stated repeatedly in our previous communications, in accordance with several sentences handed down by the Spanish Supreme Court, those NGOs following requirements set forth art. 23 Act 27/2006, have right to free legal aid without requiring conditions under the terms of Act 1/1996, art. 2.

These approaches have been recognized by the Spanish Ombudsman and in the same direction, similarly we have the Decision VII/8p taken over the last meeting of the parties of the Aarhus Convention. Therefore, it is not applicable that the communicant part wishes to get back to the starting point, claiming a law reform considered so far unnecessary on the part of all institutions involved. In summary, we intend to follow the recommendations set out in the aforementioned Decision and to that end, we will carry out our action plan following Meeting of the Parties recommendations, trying to maximize efficiency in the use of public resources to solve this problem.

Kind regards

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