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Subject: Apologies for my absence at this meeting of the Compliance Committee and Best Wishes for a successful session.

Dear Chair of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee, Dear Aine,

May I ask you, and the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee members, to kindly accept my apologies for my difficulties to attend your meeting this time. I'm currently at the CBD COP15 and considering the time difference and the quite dense schedule of the negotiations it's difficult for me to set aside the time to connect.

May I also ask you to take into consideration our support to the communication submitted by France-Nature-Environnement (FNE). The matter is clearly an environmental one and concern a crucial procedural questions where there is a clear and substantial infringement of the articles of the Convention. At this stage, the merits of the communication are to be discussed later. In our view all the criteria of admissibility are met. I would have like to share this in person with the Committee, but in my absence, may I ask that this be noted and taken into consideration when you will discuss the admissibility of this communication.

I wish you, the Committee members and the Secretariat a successful session and may I take this opportunity to extend my wishes to all of you for a good Seasonal break and a Happy New Year.

Warm Regards

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