

1 September 2023

Ms. Sabela Iglesias Garrido
Verdegaia
Spain

Dear Ms. Iglesias Garrido,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Spain with the provisions of the Convention on access to justice (ACCC/C/2022/195)

On 28 July 2022, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received the above communication from the non-governmental organization Verdegaia addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Spain with articles 9 (3) and (4) of the Convention in connection with the San Finx mine. The communication was submitted in accordance with the provisions of chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2022/195, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. All documentation relating to the communication is available on the Committee's website at: <https://unece.org/env/pp/cc/communications-from-the-public>.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its seventy-ninth meeting (Geneva, 13–16 June 2023), has determined it to be admissible on a preliminary basis with respect to the issue set out in paragraph 9, on page 4, of the communicant's letter of 30 May 2023 only.

The Committee has determined all other allegations in the communication to be inadmissible under paragraph 20 (d) of the annex to decision I/7 for being incompatible with the provisions of the Convention. A copy of the Committee's preliminary determination on admissibility is attached.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

- Cc: Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Mr. Jaime L. Fraile Jiménez de Muñana, Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain
Mr. Fred Logue, observer
- Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility