

14 November 2023

Ms. Lucie Greyl and Ms. Marica Di Pierri  
A Sud Ecologia e Cooperazione Odv ETS  
Italy

Ms. Chiara Landini  
Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security  
Italy

Dear Ms. Greyl and Ms. Di Pierri,  
Dear Ms. Landini,

**Re: Determination of inadmissibility of communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Italy in connection with Italy's draft updated national energy and climate plan (ACCC/C/2023/205)**

On 5 August 2023, 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 association A Sud Ecologia e Cooperazione Odv ETS addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Italy with respect to access to information and public participation in decision-making regarding Italy's draft updated national energy and climate plan.

The communication was registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2023/205 and all documentation relating to the communication is available on the Committee's website at: <https://unece.org/env/pp/cc/communications-from-the-public>.

At its eightieth meeting (19-22 September 2023), the Compliance Committee considered the preliminary admissibility of the above communication. During the meeting, the Committee heard the views of both the communicant and the Party concerned on the preliminary admissibility of the communication. After considering in closed session the information received, the Committee noted that Italy's updated national energy and climate plan is currently still in draft form and will yet undergo a strategic environmental assessment procedure, including public participation, prior to the submission of the final updated plan to the European Commission in June 2024. For that reason, the Committee determined the communication to be inadmissible in accordance with paragraph 20 (d) of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention for being incompatible with decision I/7, since the preparation of the updated plan had not yet been completed.

The text of decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties is available at: <https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/documents/mop1/ece.mp.pp.2.add.8.e.pdf>

If the communicant considers that the Committee's determination that the communication is inadmissible was based on a manifest error, it may request a reconsideration of the Committee's determination of admissibility. Any such request must be submitted to the secretariat, with a reasoning of no more than 1200 words (2 pages A4 size), no later than five weeks from today, i.e., Tuesday, 19 December 2023. Please note that a request for reconsideration is not an opportunity to provide information on either subsequent developments or evidence that could have been provided earlier.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Fiona Marshall  
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva