

27 November 2023

Mr. Bastian Ljunggren  
Ministry of Climate and Enterprise  
Environmental Assessment Division  
Stockholm, Sweden

Dear Mr. Ljunggren,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Sweden in connection with access to justice regarding logging activities (ACCC/C/2023/201)**

On 4 May 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 Semisjaur-Njarg Sami Village addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Sweden with articles 9 (3) and 9 (4) of the Convention in connection with logging activities in an area allegedly used by the Sami Village of Semisjaur-Njarg for reindeer husbandry. 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/2023/201, 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 eightieth meeting (Geneva, 19–22 September 2023), has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. A copy of the preliminary determination on admissibility is attached. Please note, however, that the Committee has not reached any conclusions with respect to the compliance issues referred to in the communication.

Having regard to paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7, you are kindly invited to submit to the Committee, as soon as possible but at the latest within five months of the date of this letter (i.e. by **27 April 2024**), any written explanations or statements clarifying the matter referred to in the communication and describing any response that may have been made in the meantime.

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 Sweden to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva  
Mr. Johan Öberg, representing the communicant of communication ACCC/C/2023/201
- Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility