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*Dear Ms Marshall,*

**Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Sweden with Articles 3 and 9 of the Convention with respect to access to justice for foreign environmental organizations (ACCC/C/2019/174)**

I am writing to notify you that, after long and careful consideration, the Communicant has decided to withdraw the above-mentioned communication. This decision is due to an internal restructure of the Communicant's programmatic operations and strategic priorities over the last year, which has resulted in a reduction of resources for work in this region of Europe.

Over the years, the Communicant has brought a number of communications before the Committee. The Communicant is therefore well aware of the resources necessary to adequately prepare the remaining steps of the procedure in order to be best able to assist the Committee in elaborating its findings. The Communicant takes its responsibilities in that regard very seriously and would not want to create a situation where it cannot fulfil them.

For the sake of clarity, the Communicant is not aware of any positive change in the laws and practices of the Party concerned which would affect its compliance with Articles 3 and 9 of the Aarhus Convention. The Communicant continues to regard these issues of non-compliance as grave and unjustified. The decision to withdraw is therefore purely based on the lack of available resources.

The Communicant is grateful for the Committee's diligent attention to the communication so far. The Committee's work is indispensable to meeting the objectives of the Convention throughout the territory of the Contracting Parties, and the Communicant remains committed to supporting the Committee in any way it can.

*Yours sincerely,  
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