

11 June 2024

Ms. Suada Numic Federal Ministry for Environment and Tourism Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dear Ms. Numic,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Bosnia and Herzegovina regarding access to justice to challenge environmental permits (ACCC/C/2020/177)

I refer to my letter of 23 March 2020 forwarding the above communication for the written response of Bosnia and Herzegovia and your reply of 23 November 2020.

In my letter of 23 March 2020, I explained that, in accordance with paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7, Bosnia and Herzegovina was kindly invited to submit to the Committee, as soon as possible but at the latest within five months of the date of my letter (i.e. by 23 August 2020), 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.

In this regard, the Compliance Committee invites Bosnia and Herzegovina to expand upon its reply of 23 November 2020, and to explicitly address each of the allegations in the communication. The Committee also invites Bosnia and Herzegovina to clarify whether it challenges the admissibility of the communication, and if so, on what grounds.

For guidance on how to prepare a response to a communication, please read paragraphs 125-133 of the Guide to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee.

The Committee would be grateful to receive the expanded response of Bosnia and Herzegovina by **Thursday, 11 July 2024**. The Committee will decide how to proceed with the communication in the light of the expanded response received by that deadline.

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 Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

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