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Mr. Erik Grietens
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Dear Mr. Grietens,

**Re: Draft Report on Compliance by Belgium with
its obligations under the Aarhus Convention**

Please find enclosed a draft report on compliance by Belgium with the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention), prepared at the nineteenth meeting of the Convention's Compliance Committee held in Geneva on 5-7 March 2008.

This report has been prepared by the Committee for submission to the Meeting of the Parties following the Committee's review of information on the progress with regard to access to justice in Belgium sent to the Committee by the Government of Belgium in February 2008. The information was provided in connection with the recommendations made by the Committee at its twelfth meeting in the course of reviewing communication ACCC/C/2005/11 (ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2006/4/Add.2).

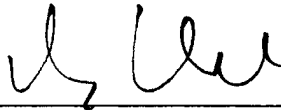
It is envisaged that, once finalized, the report will be issued in the form of an addendum to the Committee's report to the Meeting of the Parties.

The Committee agreed that it would forward this draft for comment to the Party concerned, as well as to the communicant whose communication initially triggered the review of compliance by the Party.

Taking into account the very tight deadlines for finalizing all the documentation being prepared for the Meeting of the Parties and the fact that the current document is essentially an update on the earlier version of the Committee's findings and recommendations, the Committee agreed that the comments should be provided within five working days of circulation of the drafts. We would therefore appreciate if you could provide your comments, if any, by **18 March 2008**.

Following this, the Chair, in consultation with the curator and with the assistance of the secretariat, will draw up a proposal for dealing with the comments, if any, received from the Party concerned and the communicant, whereupon the Committee will finalise and adopt the draft using its e-mail decision-making procedure.

Yours sincerely,



Jeremy Wates
Secretary

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making
and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

- Encl. Draft report on compliance by Belgium
Information on the progress with regard to access to justice in Belgium (letter of 27 February 2008)
Draft Law (31 January 2008)
Proposal for modification of legislation concerning Conseil d'État (22 December 2006)
Draft law on modification of legislation concerning Conseil d'État (16 March 2007)