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STATE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE

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The State Advocate's Office has received the draft document on the decisions and recommendations that the secretary of the Aarhus Convention sent to the national focal point regarding the document submitted by the Association for Environmental Justice on alleged breaches in said international convention for the purpose of making any remarks deemed necessary.

Having examined the document, the State Advocate's Office has no further comments to make. It remains of the opinion that - regardless of the application of corresponding Spanish internal regulations that may have been exercised in a particular case, namely by a certain local entity - from the legislative point of view, there are no grounds for reproaches to our legislation regarding the safeguarding of rights to which citizens are entitled and its regulation, mainly contained for these purposes in Law 27/2006, of 18 July, governing the rights of access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters, which incorporates EC directives 2003/4 and 2003/35 and which is fully adapted to the Aarhus Convention, Law 30/1992, of 26 November, on the Legal System of Public Authorities and the Common Administrative Procedure, and in Law 1/1996, of 10 January, on Legal Aid.

Madrid, 04.12.09 THE SENIOR STATE LAWYER

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