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Ms. Fe Sanchis Moreno Association for Environmental Justice Maria Agustin, 3, dcha. E-50004 Zaragoza. Spain Fax 0034 968 22 71 91

Dear Ms. Sanchis Moreno,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Spain with the provisions of the Convention in connection with decision-making on a residential development project in the city of Murcia, Spain (Ref. ACCC/C/2008/24)

On 13 May 2008, 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 submitted by you and addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention regarding compliance by Spain with certain provisions of the Convention. 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/2008/24, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its twentieth meeting (8-10 June 2008), 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.

In the course of the discussion, in which you participated, you provided several clarifications to the Committee with regard to facts related to the admissibility of the communication, including with regard to the timing of the events referred to in the communication and the issue of the use of domestic remedies.

To ensure due process in the review, the Committee requested you to provide to it in writing a summary of the information it had provided at the meeting, so that this could be forwarded to the Party concerned. We would be grateful if you would provide us with this information as soon as possible and in any case not later than 28 August 2008.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Wates Secretary

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

Cc: Mr. Orteu Barrocal, Ms. Drake, Ministry of Environment, Spain

Encs. Preliminary determination on admissibility
Copy of letter to Mr. Orteu Barrocal, Ms. Drake, Ministry of Environment, Spain
Datasheet on the communication