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Luis Gilpérez Fraile Legal Representative Asociación Andaluza para la Defensa de los Animales (ASANDA) Apartado de correos 4365 41080 Sevilla, Spain

Dear Mr. Fraile,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Spain with provisions to the Convention in relation to the opening and inspection of a zoo (ACCC/C/2012/78)

On 8 August 2012, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received from you the above communication addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Spain with the provisions of the Convention on access to information and access to justice in relation to the opening and inspection of the Parque Zoologico Prudencio Navarro. 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/2012/78, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. The main documentation relating to the communication will be shortly available on the Committee's web site at: http://www.unece.org/env/pp/pubcom.htm.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its thirty-ninth meeting (11-14 December 2012), 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions.

Is sincerely,

Aphrodite Smagadi Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

María José Gomez, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment Cc:

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organizations in Geneva

Preliminary determination on admissibility Enc.

Datasheet on the communication