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Dear Ms. José Gomez, Mr. Gilpérez Fraile,

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

At its forty-first meeting (25-28 June 2013), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee took note of the response provided by the Party concerned on 12 June 2013. In its response, the Party concerned had admitted that the allegations concerning access to information were founded and that it had already acted to redress the situation, which constituted an isolated case, immediately. The information had in the meantime be provided to the communicant.

Given the response of the Party concerned indicating that the situation with regard to access to information had been redressed at the domestic level and also the fact that the allegations of the communication relating to access to justice would be considered under the summary proceedings procedure, in the context of the follow-up with decision IV/9f (Spain), the Committee considered that the case might be closed.

You are now invited to provide your views on whether the allegations of non-compliance raised in the communication are still relevant. Please provide your response no later than **2 September 2013**. At its forty-second meeting (24-27 September 2013), the Committee will consider your response and will decide whether there is a need to discuss the substance of the communication at its next meetings.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

cc: Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva