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Dear Ms. José Gomez,

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)

At its forty-second meeting (24-27 September 2013), the Compliance Committee noted that the Party concerned's response of 12 June 2013 had been forwarded to the communicant for its views as to whether, in the light of that response, the case should remain open. In its response of 11 August 2013, the communicant acknowledged that it had received most of the information requested, but expressed its wish that the case remain open. Given 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 decided to close the case.

The report of the forty-second meeting, including information concerning the discussion on the communication at issue, will be shortly accessible at the following link http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ccMeetings.htm.

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

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Marshall Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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

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