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Mr. Ole Kristian Fauchald
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Norway

Dear Mr. Fauchald,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Norway
in connection with access to the legal assessment carried out prior to the adoption of
the Nature Diversity Act (ACCC/C/2013/93)**

On 26 June 2013, 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 Norway with the provisions of the Convention in connection with the alleged refusal by the Party concerned of the communicant's request for access to the legal assessment carried out prior to the adoption of the Nature Diversity Act. 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/2013/93, 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 forty-second meeting (24-27 September 2013), 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 require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Ms. Beate B. Ekeberg, Specialist Director, Ministry of Environment, Norway
Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Encs: Preliminary determination on admissibility
Datasheet on the communication