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29 June 2015

Ms. Andrea Barad  
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Budapest  
Hungary

Dear Ms. Barad

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Hungary in connection with public participation in decision-making on an industrial park (ACCC/C/2014/109)**

On 5 February 2014, 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 addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Hungary with the provisions of the Convention in connection with decision-making on an industrial park. 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.

At its forty-fifth meeting (29 June – 2 July 2014), the Compliance Committee agreed to defer its preliminary determination of admissibility in order to seek further clarification from the communication. On 9 December 2014, the communicant submitted a revised version of his communication.

Please find enclosed a copy of the re-submitted communication, which is being forwarded to you at the request of the Committee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 22 of the annex to decision I/7.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2014/109, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. The main documentation relating to the communication is available on the Committee's web site at: <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/pubcom.html>.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its forty-eighth meeting (Geneva, 24-27 March 2015), has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7 with respect to the allegations concerning article 3, paragraphs 8 of the Convention. The Committee determined that all other allegations were inadmissible under paragraph 20(d) in conjunction with paragraph 19 of the annex to decision I/7, for lack of corroborating information. 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.

Having regard to paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7, you are kindly invited to submit to the Committee, as soon as possible but at the latest within five months of the date of this letter (i.e. by **29 November 2015**), any written explanations or statements clarifying the matters in the communication alleged to amount to non-compliance with article 3, paragraph 8 of the Convention and describing any response that may have been made in the meantime.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Fiona Marshall  
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva  
Mr. Ferenc Tibor Zsák – communicant of communication ACCC/C/2014/109

Enc: Communication ACCC/C/2014/109 (including 1 supporting document)  
Preliminary determination on admissibility