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2 February 2016

Ms. María José Gomez
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment
Spain

Mr. Alexandre Peñalver i Cabré
Communicant of communication ACCC/C/2014/99
Barcelona, Catalonia
Spain

Dear Ms. Gomez,
Dear Mr. Peñalver i Cabré,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Spain in connection with the change of activity for a cement plant to process solid waste and sewage (ACCC/C/2014/99)

During its deliberations on the above communication at its fifty-first meeting (Geneva, 15-18 December 2015), the Compliance Committee identified two factual points that it requested the secretariat to ask the Party concerned and the communicant to clarify. To this end, please find **enclosed** questions prepared by the Committee for your attention.

The Committee would be very grateful to receive the Party concerned's reply to the enclosed questions on or before **Wednesday, 17 February 2016**. The communicant will then have until **Wednesday, 24 February 2016** to provide the Committee with any comments it wishes to make on the Party concerned's reply. Please send your replies to aarhus.compliance@unece.org, copying the other party. The Committee will consider the replies received by the above deadlines when deliberating upon its draft findings at its upcoming fifty-second meeting (Geneva, 8-11 March 2016).

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Marshall', written in a cursive style.

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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

Enc: Questions for the parties

**Questions to the Party concerned and communicant
with regard to communication ACCC/C/2014/99**

1. According to article 23, paragraph 3 of the Law 16/2002, as in force since 11 August 2010, the autonomous communities should publish in their respective official journals administrative decisions by means of which comprehensive environmental authorizations are granted or modified. Are these official journals mandatorily required to be accessible on the internet, and are they indeed accessible?
 2. In addition to publication in the official journals, are there, under the current legislation in force, any other mandatory means by which the public is required to be promptly informed that the comprehensive environmental authorizations have been taken?
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