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Dear Mr. Baumann,

**Re: Communication ACCC/C/2015/125 concerning compliance by Germany  
with articles 6 and 9 of the Aarhus Convention**

At its forty-eighth meeting (Geneva, 24-27 March 2015), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee considered the preliminary admissibility of the communication submitted by you on 19 February 2015 on behalf of the Altrip Municipality. The communication alleged non-compliance with articles 6 and 9 of the Convention in general and in particular with respect to the proposed construction of a flood retention scheme on the Upper Rhine.

At its meeting, the Committee heard the views of the representatives of the Party concerned and the communicant via audio conference as well as observers present at the meeting. It also took into account the written comments received from the Party concerned, the European Union and the United Kingdom. The Committee determined that the communication was inadmissible under paragraph 20 (d) of the annex to decision I/7 for not being compatible with the provisions of the Convention and that decision. The Committee's reasoning as to why the communication was found inadmissible will be provided in the report of the Committee's forty-ninth meeting (30 June-3 July 2015).

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Marshall  
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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