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Re: (ACCCC / C / 2015/130 (Italy)) Response of WWF Italia to the Committee's letter of January 30, 2018

Dear Ms Marshall,

In relation to the request for clarification regarding questions 9) and 10) of your letter dated 30 January 2018 we would respond as follows:

With regard to question 9) WWF is not aware of the existence of recent judicial decisions in which the court did not require non-governmental organizations to pay the fee/tax (*contributo unificato*) as provided by Article 13, paragraph 6 *bis*.

Concerning question 10) appeals against refusal of access to environmental information are exempted from the fee/tax (*contributo unificato*) under Italian law. There are no other exemptions for actions pursuant to art. 9, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the Convention.

We hope this information is helpful and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,
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