22 March 2018

Marcin Stoczkiewicz
ClientEarth
Warsaw, Poland

Dear Mr. Stoczkiewicz,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Poland with the provisions of the Convention on access to justice regarding local laws (ACCC/C/2016/151)

On 27 October 2016, 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 Poland with the provisions of the Convention in connection with its alleged failure to provide for access to justice to review local laws. 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/2016/151, 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/cc/com.html.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its sixtieth meeting (Geneva, 12-15 March 2018), 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,

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Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of Poland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Mr. Jaroslaw Mielnik, Ministry of Environment, Poland – National Focal Point

Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility