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Dear Madam/Sir

**Information for the attention of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Greece concerning access to justice for permits granted or extended by legislative acts (ACCC/C/2017/148) ('the Communication')**

In accordance with Title VII of Decision I/7 on Review of Compliance [and esp. para. 25, item (c)], we would like to bring to your attention to new relevant information in relation to the Communication, which was determined preliminarily admissible pursuant to decision of 13 September 2017 of the Aarhus Compliance Committee.

In particular, we want to inform the Committee of a new Act of the Parliament that further extends the legislative 'Single Provisional Operational Permit' ('SPOP') summarised in paragraphs 24 to 28 and Annexes 10 to 15 of the Communication. Article 31, Law 4508/2017 (National Gazette A' 200/22-12-2017) effective from 22 December 2017, prolongs the SPOP's life for two more years, until 31 December 2019. We remind you that the previous legislative extension of the SPOP expired in 31 December 2017. We attach to this letter Article 31, Law 4508/2017 and an official translation as Annex I.

The relevant extension was approved by the Parliament despite the fact that its Members became aware of the Communication during the reading of the bill of Law 4508/2017 in 20 December 2017. We have attached the relevant abstract of the minutes officially translated in Annex I. The minutes are publicly available in the Parliament's website.

A question to the Minister for Environment and Energy regarding the extension of the SPOP through the latest law was also submitted in the Greek Parliament as part of the Parliamentary Control proceedings in mid-February. The official translation of this question is attached as Annex II. At the time of drafting the present letter, we are not aware of any response submitted by the Minister.

We hope that this information will be useful for the assessment of the Communication.

Yours sincerely,

  
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