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Dear Ms. Matt, dear Dr. Becker,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance  
by Austria with regard to the rights under the Convention of foreign citizens' groups  
(ACCC/C/2019/163)**

On 29 October 2018, 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 Austria with articles 2(4) and (5), 3(1), (7) and (9), 6(4), (7) and 9(2) of the Convention in relation to the rights under the Convention of foreign citizens' groups. 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/2019/163, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. All 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 sixty-third meeting (Geneva, 11-15 March 2019), 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: Dr. Anna Muner-Bretter, national focal point for the Aarhus Convention, Austria  
Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations Office and specialized institutions in Geneva
- Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility