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Subject: ACCC/C/2019/168 Iceland - request for extension of deadline for Party's response to communication

Dear Ms. Bragason,

Thank you for your message of 7 April. We understand that this is a very challenging period.

With respect to your query, the five-month deadline for a Party concerned to submit its response to a communication was established by the Meeting of the Parties in paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7. Decision I/7 is available here:

https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/documents/mop1/ece.mp.pp.2.add.8.e.pdf

Since the five-month timeframe was set by the Meeting of the Parties, the Committee has no mandate to extend the deadline of 15 April 2020 for Iceland's response to communication ACCC/C/2019/168.

However, the Committee fully recognizes that the current situation with the coronavirus (COVID-19) is extraordinary. Thus, when recording the date of receipt of Iceland's response to the communication in the report of its 67<sup>th</sup> meeting and in its findings on communication ACCC/C/2019/168, the Committee will note the exceptional circumstances.

I hope the above is of assistance. Should further clarification be useful, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Fiona



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