

15 November 2019

Ms. Marianna Said
Ministry for the Environment and Natural Resources
Reykjavik, Iceland

Dear Ms. Said,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee
concerning compliance by Iceland in connection with fish farming
(ACCC/C/2019/168)**

On 25 February 2019, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received the above communication from Eldvotn-samtök um nattuvernd í Skaftarhreppi and others addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Iceland with articles 6, 8 and 9 of the Convention in relation to fish farming. 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/2019/168, 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-fifth meeting (Geneva, 4-8 November 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.

Having regard to paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7, you are kindly invited to submit to the Committee, as soon as possible but at the latest within five months of the date of this letter (i.e. by **15 April 2020**), any written explanations or statements clarifying the matter referred to in the communication and describing any response that may have been made in the meantime.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

- Cc: Permanent Mission of Iceland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations
in Geneva
Mr. Magnus Oskarsson, representing the communicants of communication
ACCC/C/2019/168
- Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility