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Croatia

Ms. Branka Pivcevic Novak
Ministry of Environment and Energy
Croatia

Dear Ms. Bakovic,
Dear Ms. Novak,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Croatia with article 7 of the Convention in connection with an Urban Development Plan

I refer to the communication submitted by Sunce and the Local Committee Kucista on 30 May 2019. The communication alleged that Croatia had failed to comply with article 7 in conjunction with article 6(3), (4) and (8) of the Convention with respect to the 2010 Urbanistic Development Plan for the port of Perna.

In my email of 27 March 2020, I informed you that at its sixty-sixth meeting (Geneva, 9-13 March 2020), the Committee determined the communication to be inadmissible. I write now to provide you with the reasoning for the Committee’s determination of inadmissibility.

After considering in closed session the information received, the Committee at its sixty-sixth meeting determined that the communication was inadmissible under paragraph 20(d) of the annex to decision I/7, since it was incompatible with the purpose and functions of the Committee, as set out in article 15 of the Convention and decision I/7, to submit a communication to the Committee alleging non-compliance with respect to the adoption of an Urban Development Plan more than nine years after its adoption without providing any persuasive reasons to justify the delay.

If the communicants consider that the Committee’s determination that the communication is inadmissible was based on a manifest error, they may request a reconsideration of the Committee’s determination of inadmissibility. Any such request must be submitted to the secretariat, with a reasoning of no more than 1200 words (2 pages A4 size), no later than Thursday, 25 June 2020, i.e. five weeks from today. Please note that a request for reconsideration is not an opportunity to provide information or evidence that could have been provided earlier.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva