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Subject: Decision V/9b (Austria) - follow-up from open session at the Committee's 56th meeting (28 February - 3 March 2017)
Sent by: Fiona Marshall

Dear Ms. Muner-Bretter,

Thank you for your participation by audio conference during the open session on decision V/9b concerning Austria at the Committee's fifty-sixth meeting (28 February - 3 March 2017).

As a follow-up to the session at the Committee's fifty-sixth meeting, the Committee would be grateful if you could provide the following information as discussed during that session:

- You indicated that the amendments of the information laws of Vienna and Tyrol pertaining to paragraph 3(a)(i) and (ii) of decision V/9b have now been adopted. Please provide the Committee with the texts of the finally adopted amendments, including English translations thereof, and the date on which they were published in the provincial law gazettes.
- You indicated that you would make efforts to obtain the attendance list for the workshops organized in the context of the project "KOMM-Recht". Please provide the Committee with these attendance lists as soon as possible.
- You indicated that a draft amendment to the Waste Management Act was currently being prepared and was expected to include a provision on access to justice under the Convention, but the draft had not been adopted yet. Please provide the Committee with the text of this draft, together with an English translation thereof, as soon as it becomes available together with a short overview of the expected legislative timeline through to its final adoption.
- You indicated that there would be a hearing before the Court of Justice of the EU on a preliminary reference by the Supreme Administrative Court, which has potential repercussions on the Party concerned's access to justice regime. Please inform the Committee of any relevant developments with regard to this preliminary ruling procedure which may have an impact on the implementation of decision V/9b.

The Committee would be grateful to receive the above information as soon as possible, and at the latest **by 1 April 2017**, in order that it may be taken into account in the finalization of the Committee's report to the Meeting of the Parties on decision V/9b.

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

Kind regards,
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