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Dr. Anna Muner-Bretter
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Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management
Stubenbastei 5
1010 Vienna,
Austria

Dear Ms. Muner-Bretter,

**Re: Decision V/9b concerning compliance by Austria
with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention**

As you may be aware, pursuant to paragraph 8 of decision V/9b, the Government of Austria is requested to provide its second detailed progress report to the Committee by **31 October 2015** on the measures taken and the results achieved in the implementation of the recommendations set out in that decision.

To assist you with this task, the Compliance Committee reviewed the first progress report submitted by the Government of Austria on 22 December 2014, as well as the comments received from the communicants of communications ACCC/C/2011/63 and ACCC/C/2010/48 on 20 and 23 January respectively and, in the light of the information received, prepared a first progress review of the Government's implementation of decision V/9b.

Please find **attached** for your information the Compliance Committee's first progress review of the Government of Austria's first progress report.

I invite you to take into account the Compliance Committee's first progress review in finalizing the Government of Austria's second progress report on the implementation of decision V/9b.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Marshall'.

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations Office and specialized institutions
in Geneva
Mr. Markus Piringer, communicant of communication ACCC/C/2010/48
Mr. Thomas Alge, communicant of communication ACCC/C/2010/48
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Enc: Committee's first progress review on the implementation of decision V/9b concerning
compliance by Austria