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Vienna, 24.03.2017

Dear Ms. Marshall,

In our capacity as a European ECO Forum legal focal point, we would like to bring information to the ACCC's attention concerning the implementation of Decision V/9h Germany.

Contrary to what is suggested in Germany's 4th Progress Report from 15.03.2017,<sup>1</sup> it is highly unlikely that the legislation aimed at bringing Germany towards compliance will be adopted in the near future. The negotiations concerning adoption have broken down. This has been reported on openly in the mainstream German media.<sup>2</sup>

The Environmental Ministry continues to point out in its reports specific dates for the legislative process, yet has to date not been able to keep to this time-frame. Particularly considering the upcoming federal election campaigns, it can be assumed that any possible adoption would not occur before September.

We might respectfully suggest that the Environmental Ministry be requested to name concrete dates for the debate in the Federal Diet/Federal Council.

At any event we hope this information is useful to the ACCC's considerations.

Sincerely,

Thomas Alge, ÖKOBÜRO



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<sup>1</sup> See Section II.1, at p. 4 and Section III. at p. 19

<sup>2</sup> See the *Süddeutsche Zeitung* Article: „Ach das Völkerrecht“, from 05.03.2017, which we attach as Annex I