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Dear Ms. Marshall,

Yesterday, on 27 April 2017, The German Bundestag adopted the *Act Aligning the Environmental Appeals Act and other provisions to Stipulations of European and International Law* after its second and third reading of the draft bill. The Act consists of the Government's draft bill, including the amendments proposed by the Committee on the Environment. Furthermore, the German Bundestag adopted a resolution on the Act Aligning the Environmental Appeals Act and other provisions to Stipulations of European and International Law. As regards the text of the amendments as well as of the resolution, I kindly refer to my email of 26 April 2017.

The parliamentary process will now be completed by a second hearing in the Bundesrat and its required consent to the Act. Yesterday, The Federal Government was informed that the Committee on the Environment of the Bundesrat has decided to hold a special session on Thursday, 4 May 2017. One of the two topics on the agenda of the Committee's special session is the Act Aligning the Environmental Appeals Act and other provisions to Stipulations of European and International Law. Thus, the Federal Government expects the Act to be finally deliberated by the plenary of the Bundesrat in its next plenary session on Friday, 12 May 2017.

We will inform the Committee promptly on all further developments. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We would be grateful if you could please acknowledge the receipt of this email.

Best regards, Dagmar Lutz

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