

24 July 2019

Dr. Anna Muner-Bretter  
Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism  
Vienna, Austria

Dear Dr. Muner-Bretter,

**Re: Decision VI/8b concerning compliance by Austria  
with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention**

The Compliance Committee under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) has asked me to write to you as a courtesy to remind you that, in accordance with paragraph 3(e) of decision VI/8b of the Meeting of the Parties, Austria is requested to submit to the Committee its second progress report by **1 October 2019** on the measures it has by that date taken, and the results achieved, to implement the recommendations in paragraphs 3(a)-(d) of decision VI/8b.

The Committee has also asked me to remind you that, as the Chair of the Committee explained during the open session on decision VI/8b at the Committee's sixty-third meeting (Geneva, 11-15 March 2019), all the measures to implement decision VI/8b must be taken and reported on by no later than **1 October 2020** in order that they can be taken into consideration by the Committee in its report on decision VI/8b to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties.

Finally, should Austria demonstrate to the Committee that it has fully met the requirements of decision VI/8b by the time of its final progress report due on 1 October 2020, the Committee will report that fact to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties. There would then be no need for a further decision on those points to be adopted at the seventh session.

Should you have any questions with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,



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Fiona Marshall  
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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