

25 February 2019

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Dear Dr. Muner-Bretter,

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

Please find **enclosed** the Committee's first progress review on the implementation of decision VI/8b concerning compliance by Austria. The Committee's first progress review examines the progress made by Austria to implement decision VI/8b to date, based on Austria's first progress report, as well as the comments received from communicants.

I also take this opportunity to inform you that the Committee proposes to hold an open session on decision VI/8b on Thursday, 14 March 2019, during its upcoming 63rd meeting (Geneva, 11-15 March 2019) to discuss any questions or comments that the Party concerned, communicants and observers may have on the Committee's first progress review. Further details regarding the open session on 14 March will be sent shortly.

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

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

- Cc: Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
ÖKOBÜRO, communicant of communication ACCC/C/2010/48
Vier Pfoten, communicant of communication ACCC/C/2011/63
Dr. Josef Unterweger, representing the communicant of communication ACCC/C/2011/63
- Enc: Committee's first progress review on the implementation of decision VI/8b concerning compliance by Austria