

25 February 2019

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Dear Ms Karamfilova,

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

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

I also take this opportunity to inform you that the Committee proposes to hold an open session on decision VI/8d on Thursday, 14 March 2019, during its upcoming 63<sup>rd</sup> 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,



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Fiona Marshall  
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

- Cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva  
Balkani Wildlife Society, communicant of communications ACCC/C/2011/58 and ACCC/C/2012/76
- Enc: Committee's first progress review on the implementation of decision VI/8d concerning compliance by Bulgaria