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Subject: Re: Decision VI/8j (Spain) - Second progress report of the Party concerned

Dear ECE-Aarhus-Compliance Secretariat,

We insist, as in our last comments to the position of the Spanish Government, that the situation on legal aid for environmental organizations is far from being solved.

The judicial decision of the Supreme Court, which is attached to the Decision VI/8j 's second progress report, it is not a consistent source of law and the "second path" mentioned in the report, must be required.

It means that an amendment to the Spanish Legal Aid Act 1/1996 is necessary to include environmental organizations, without any other requirements than the "Aarhus" Law 27/2006 (art. 23).

Meanwhile, we support the non-compliance status of Spain regarding the Convention.

Kind Regards

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