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Subject: RE: Access to information, public participation and access to justice in international forums dealing with matters relating to the environment

Dear Mr Wates,

Thank you for your message regarding the consultation on the Almaty guidelines and the possibility that the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP) might take part. The CCP does not really deal with environmental matters so I do not think that it would be relevant. However, other FAO bodies might be more relevant. In particular the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) which has dealt with environmental issues in the past. Perhaps you have already been in contact with the Secretary of COAG - Loretta Sonn.

Regards

David Hallam,
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Subject: Access to information, public participation and access to justice in international forums dealing with matters relating to the environment

Dear Mr. Hallam,

Ms. Hanne Inger Bjurstrøm, the Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention, has asked me to write to you in connection with her letter of 16 June 2006 addressed to the Director-General. In that letter she enquired whether the Committee on Commodity Problems, amongst other bodies of the Food and Agriculture Organization, would be interested to take part in a consultation process on the Convention's Almaty Guidelines and the issues they address. A copy of that letter is attached for your convenience.

In her letter, Ms. Bjurstrøm indicated that the initial focus of the consultation process was a written questionnaire and that the deadline for responses to the questionnaire was 17 September 2006. A number of forums have asked for further time to complete their response because of the summer vacation. So as to offer all forums the same opportunity, it has been decided to extend the response period for a short time to allow any other forums that may not have been able to respond before now to do so. The new deadline for responses to the questionnaire is 23 October 2006.

On behalf of Ms. Bjurstrøm, I thank you for your kind attention and I look forward to the involvement of the Committee on Commodity Problems in the consultation process.

Kind regards,

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