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Mr. Thomas Piringer, Managing Director
Mr. Thomas Alge, Head Environmental Law
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Volksgartenstrasse 1, A-1010 Vienna

Dear Mr. Piringer,
Dear Mr. Alge,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Austria with provisions of the Convention in connection with access to justice in environmental matters in general (Ref. ACCC/C/2010/48)

At its forty-second meeting (24-27 September 2013), the Compliance Committee commenced preparation of its draft report to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties on the progress made by the Government of Austria to address the Committee's recommendations in its findings on communication ACCC/C/2010/48 adopted at the Committee's thirty-fifth meeting (13-16 December 2011).

By letter of 15 July 2013, the Party had been invited to report on how it had addressed those findings, which it did on 10 September 2013. The communicant provided its comments on the Party's response on 23 September 2013. Both the Party concerned's response and the communicant's comments were considered by the Committee in the preparation of its draft report to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

Following its deliberations, the Committee agreed to send its draft report, attached, to the parties for their comments prior to the Committee's forty-third meeting (17-20 December 2013) and to take into account any comments received on the draft report at that meeting, before finalizing the report at that meeting for submission to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties. You are invited to provide your comments on the attached draft report by **9 December 2013**.

The advance unedited copy of the report of the forty-second meeting, including information on the discussion concerning the above communication, will shortly be accessible at the following link <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ccMeetings.htm>. Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

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
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Enc: Draft report of the Compliance Committee concerning communication ACCC/C/2010/48