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Dear Ms. Feldmann,

Dear Mr. Piringer, 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 (ACCC/C/2010/48)

At its thirty-fifth meeting (13-16 December 2012), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concluded its findings in closed session with regard to the above communication, taking into account the comments received from the Party concerned and the communicant on 7 and 9 December 2011, respectively.

Please find enclosed an advance unedited English copy of the Committee's findings as adopted. This will in due course be produced as an official UN document, which will be available in the three official UNECE languages.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,



Aphrodite Smagadi
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

cc: Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations Office and specialized institutions in Geneva

Enc: Findings on communication ACCC/C/2010/48