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Alain Lebrun
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Dear Mr. Lebrun,

Re: Communication ACCC/C/2014/117 concerning compliance by Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands with the provisions of the Convention concerning the Benelux Union

At its forty-eighth meeting (Geneva, 24-27 March 2015), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee considered the preliminary admissibility of the communication submitted by you on 5 September 2014 on behalf of NGO "Coalition Nature". The communication alleged non-compliance with article 3, paragraph 1 and 7 of the Aarhus Convention for failing to ensure that the Benelux Union complied with the provisions of the Convention.

The Committee noted that the communicant had been requested, by letter of 19 February 2015, to further substantiate its communication by 16 March 2015. No response was received within the requested timeframe. By letter of 27 March 2015, the communicant stated that it did not intend to provide examples to further substantiate its communication as it considered that its communication concerned a general failure to implement article 3, paragraphs 1 and 7 of the Convention.

After hearing the views of the Party concerned and observers present at the meeting, the Committee determined that the communication was inadmissible under paragraph 20(d) in conjunction with paragraph 19 of the annex to decision I/7, for lack of corroborating information, since the communicant had failed to provide relevant information that would enable the Committee duly to examine the alleged breaches.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fiona Marshall".

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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