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Mr. Matthias Sauer and Ms. Dagmar Lutz
Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety
Berlin
Germany

Dear Mr. Sauer and Ms. Lutz,

**Re: Decision V/9h concerning compliance by Germany
with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention**

Please find **enclosed** the Compliance Committee's second progress review of Germany's implementation of decision V/9h.

The Committee's second progress review examines the progress made by the Party concerned to implement decision V/9h to date, based on the Party concerned's second and third progress reports and the comments received from the communicant of communication ACCC/C/2008/31 and observers on those reports, and taking into account the information provided by the Party concerned and communicants during the open sessions at the Committee's fifty-second and fifty-fifth meetings.

I would like to draw your particular attention to paragraphs 60-62 of the enclosed third progress review, which set out the Committee's conclusions regarding the extent to which the requirements of decision V/9h have been met thus far. Please note that, as explained in paragraph 62 of the enclosed progress review, in the light of the Committee's own deadline for finalizing its report to the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties, all measures necessary to implement decision V/9h should be completed by, and reported upon by no later than 15 March 2017, as that will be the final opportunity for the Party concerned to demonstrate to the Committee that it has fully met the requirements of decision V/9h.

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', written in a cursive style.

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Mr. James Thornton, representing the communicant of communication ACCC/C/2008/31
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Dr. Roda Verheyen, representing observers Naturschutzbund e.V, Bund für Umwelt und Naturschutz e.V, Deutscher Naturschutzring e.V., WWF Deutschland and Greenpeace e.V.

Enc: Committee's second progress review on the implementation of decision V/9h concerning compliance by Germany