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Dear Ms. Marshall,

As indicated in the fourth progress report concerning the implementation of decision V/9h on compliance, we would like to inform you of the new developments regarding the *Draft Bill Aligning the Environmental Appeals Act and other provisions to Stipulations of European and International Law*:

- On Wednesday, 29th March 2017, the leaders of the coalition parties and Ministers of the Federal government met in the coalition committee. The coalition committee is an informal body, which addresses questions of highest political relevance.
- As to the knowledge of the Federal Government, the committee found an agreement on the draft EEA, which is now supposed to be deliberated and adopted in the German Bundestag at its next session (24 to 28 April 2017).
- As far as the Federal Government is aware, there will be only a few amendments which are unrelated to the provisions implementing decision V/9h.
- As announced by the Federal Government on page 4 of its fourth progress report, the Bundesrat may then deliberate and adopt the act in one of its next sessions, which take place on 12th May 2017 and on 2nd June 2017 (and not only on 7th July 2017, as erroneously communicated in the fourth progress report).
- The Act could then enter into force in June or July 2017.

As soon as the Federal Government receives more information, it will inform the Committee promptly.

We look forward to see you at next week's Working Group Meeting in Geneva. We would be grateful if we could talk about the further process with regard to the decision-making of the forthcoming MOP on the follow-up to decision V/9h.

Best regards,
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