

26 February 2019

Mr. Joaquin Carril Martinez
Deputy Direction of International Relations and EU Affairs
Madrid, Spain

Dear Mr. Carril Martinez,

**Re: Decision VI/8j concerning compliance by Spain
with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention**

Please find **enclosed** the Committee's first progress review on the implementation of decision VI/8j concerning compliance by Spain. The Committee's first progress review examines the progress made by Spain to implement decision VI/8j to date, based on Spain's first progress report, as well as comments received from communicants.

I also take this opportunity to inform you that the Committee proposes to hold an open session on decision VI/8j on Friday, 15 March 2019, during its upcoming 63rd meeting (Geneva, 11-15 March 2019) to discuss any questions or comments that the Party concerned, communicants and observers may have on the Committee's first progress review. Further details regarding the open session on 15 March will be sent shortly.

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

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall

Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

- Cc: Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Association for Environmental Justice, the communicant of communication ACCC/C/2008/24
Plataforma Contra la Contaminación de Almendralejo, the communicant of communication ACCC/C/2009/36
Fons de Defensa Ambiental, the communicant of communication ACCC/C/2014/99
- Enc: Committee's first progress review on the implementation of decision VI/8j concerning compliance by Spain