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Dear Ms Bjurstrøm,

Thank you for your letter dated 27 June 2006 and the information on the guidelines on promoting the principles of access to information, public participation in decision-making and access to justice in international forums dealing with matters relating to the environment.

The Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission (APFIC) is an advisory body and we are advocating "co-management" and a participatory approach to decision making in the management of small-scale fisheries. As Secretary of APFIC, I will inform the Commission of the guidelines and consultative process of the UNECE.

Yours sincerely,

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