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Distinguished delegates and colleagues at the Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention,

It is an honour to address the Aarhus Convention Parties, again through the Chair, updating you on the UNFCCC Parties' discussions on observer engagement.

The UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its thirty-sixth session in 2012, had requested the secretariat to provide an update at its thirty-eighth session in 2013 on the implementation of a wealth of conclusions the SBI has made for observer engagement¹ with a view to reviewing it at its thirty-eighth session, scheduled from 3 to 14 June 2013. Since the SBI did not initiate its work, this issue was not discussed.

The Parties to the Aarhus Convention are, however, invited to review the update provided by the UNFCCC secretariat contained in the background document FCCC/SBI/2013/4, paragraphs 29–35.

We look forward to further development on observer engagement in the UNFCCC process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megumi Endo'.

Yours sincerely,

Megumi Endo

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¹ FCCC/SBI/2012/15, paragraph 242.