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Dear Mrs Smagadi,

Dear Mrs Dela Cruz,

Following your letter from 15 July 2013 relevant to the Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Bulgaria with provisions of the Convention in connection with restricted access to review procedures in spatial planning (Ref. ACCC/C/2011/58), we would like to inform you that the Ministry of Environment and Water of Bulgaria already has prepared a draft of detailed written information on progress by Bulgaria in implementing the Recommendations of the Committee on Communication Ref. ACCC/C/2011/58.

However, the high-level management of the Ministry needs more time to review, discuss and approve the draft of information, because the new Government of Bulgaria was established just before three months and half - our new heads still are getting acquainted with the ongoing issues and matters in the Ministry.

Therefore, unfortunately, it will not be possible for us to meet the deadline for providing our reply, set out in your letter - 16 September 2013.

We are very sorry for this and ask your apologize.

We kindly ask the Compliance Committee to take into consideration the information despite the little delay - we assure you that it will be sent to you no later than 19 September 2013, taking into account that the next meeting of the Compliance Committee will be held in the period 24-27 September 2013.

Thank you very much in advance for your kind understanding and compromise!

Sincerely yours,

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