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Dear Mr.Stoev, Dear Mr.Dountchev,

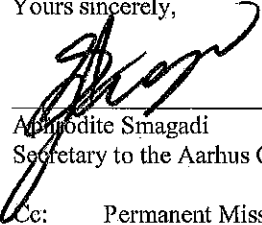
**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by
Bulgaria with provisions of the Convention in connection with restricted access to review
procedures in spatial planning (ACCC/C/2011/58)**

At its thirty-eighth meeting (Geneva, 25-28 September 2012), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee finalized its findings with regard to the above communication in closed session, taking into account the comments received from the communicant on 21 September 2012. It then adopted its findings and instructed the secretariat to prepare official versions of its adopted findings on ACCC/C/2011/58 as a formal pre-session document to its fortieth meeting (25-28 March 2013) and to ensure its availability in the three official ECE languages.

Please find enclosed an advance unedited English copy of the Committee's findings as adopted.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,


Aphrodite Smagadi
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations Office and other
International organizations in Geneva

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