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Ref: ACCC/C/2011/58 (Bulgaria)

18 November 2013

Mr. Alexander Dountchev,
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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 (Ref. ACCC/C/2011/58)

At its forty-second meeting (24-27 September 2013), the Compliance Committee commenced preparation of its draft report to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties on how the Party concerned had addressed the Committee's recommendations in the findings concerning communication ACCC/C/2011/58 adopted at the Committee's its thirty-eighth session (25-28 September 2012).

By letter of 15 July 2013, the Party concerned had been invited to report on how it had addressed those findings. The Party concerned responded by the requested deadline of 19 September 2013 and the communicant provided comments on the same date. Both the Party concerned's response and the communicant's comments were considered by the Committee in the preparation of its draft report.

Following its deliberations, the Committee agreed to send the draft report, attached, to the parties for their comments prior to the Committee's forty-third meeting (17-20 December 2013) and to take into account any comments received on the draft report at that meeting, before finalizing the report at that meeting for submission to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties. You are invited to provide your comments on the draft report as well as on the progress report sent by the Party concerned by **9 December 2013**.

The advance unedited copy of the report of the forty-second meeting, including information on the discussion concerning the above communication, will shortly be accessible at the following link <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ccMeetings.htm>.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

cc: Mr. Hristo Stoev, Chief Expert, Ministry of Environment and Waters, Bulgaria
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Enc: Report of the Compliance Committee concerning communication ACCC/C/2011/58