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Dear Ms. Marshall,

Re: Reply to the Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Slovakia in connection with public participation and access to justice in connection with the preparation of the Forest Act (ACCC/C/2014/120)

In response to your letter ref. ACCC/C/2014/120 of 28 June 2015, by which you addressed the National Focal Point with the request to make statement to the above communication submitted by Via Iuris and addressed to the Convention's Compliance Committee, enclosed you will find requested response concerning compliance by the Slovak Republic in connection with public participation and access to justice in connection with the preparation of the Forest Act.

Yours sincerely,

Enclosures:

- requested response
- 8 annexes

Cc: Ms. Ella Behlyarova, Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva