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Dear Mr. Konrad, Ms. Wiedner, Mr. Kiss,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning  
compliance by the European Union in connection with the transposition of the  
Convention's provisions on access to justice (ACCC/C/2014/123)**

At its fifty-third meeting (Geneva, 21-24 June 2016), the Compliance Committee, after taking into account the views of the Party concerned, communicant and the United Kingdom, agreed that, given the substance of the communication, it would proceed to commence its deliberations on the substance of the communication without holding a hearing. In agreeing to proceed in this manner, the Committee noted that it reserved the possibility to revisit its decision at a later date if it became evident in the course of its deliberations that a hearing would in fact be necessary to clarify certain legal or factual points.

The Committee thereafter requested the secretariat to invite the parties to provide any further written submissions on the substance of the communication that they wished the Committee to consider when deliberating on its draft findings.

I would accordingly be grateful to receive any further written submissions you wish to put before the Committee by **Monday, 12 September 2016**. Please send your submissions to [aarhus.compliance@unece.org](mailto:aarhus.compliance@unece.org), copying the other party.

The Committee will consider any submissions received by the above deadline when commencing its deliberations on its draft findings at its upcoming fifty-fourth meeting (Geneva, 27-30 September 2016).

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva  
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