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Dear Secretary General

I acknowledge receipt of your letter in which we are reported about the recommendation to Spain of the Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention in the sense that taxes imposed by public authorities to provide information on urban planning and building are the same as the taxes for information in environmental matters, taking into account the environmental elements that may contain this information.

The Environment Commission of FEMP at its meeting of October 24th has examined the proposal and recommended the insertion of this information on the website of the FEMP and its publications in order to encourage Local Entities to adopt measures to harmonize the taxes for access to information on urban planning to environmental taxes.

In the confidence that with this initiative the FEMP can contribute to support the compliance of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision Making and Access to Justice in Environmental matters by the Local Entities,

I remain, sincerely yours