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Dear Ms. Gomez,

Re: Decision IV/9f of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention

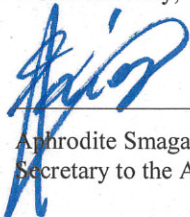
At its fortieth meeting (Geneva, 25-28 March 2013), the Committee reviewed the implementation of decision IV/9f on compliance by Spain with its obligations under the Convention. The Committee recalled that you will have to report six months before the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties in relation to the implementation of the decision.

However, in view of the new communication ACCC/C/2012/78, the Committee invites you to provide information about the steps you have already taken to address the recommendations of the decision, along with your response to the communication, which is due to be sent by **24 June 2013**.

The Committee will review the situation on the occasion of the discussion of ACCC/C/2012/78 (Spain), which has been preliminarily scheduled for discussion at its forty-second meeting (Geneva, 24-27 September 2013).

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

Yours sincerely,



Aphrodite Smagadi
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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