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Dear Mr. Møller, Dear Mr. Djurhuus,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Denmark with provisions of the Convention in connection with public participation in the adoption of river management plans (Ref. ACCC/C/2012/67)

At its fortieth meeting (Geneva 25-28 March 2013) the Committee took note of the information submitted by the communicant on 20 December 2012 and 6 February 2013, requesting the Committee to suspend consideration of the communication; and by the Party concerned on 8 February 2013, requesting the Committee not to consider the communication any further.

The Committee concurred with the decision of the Environmental Appeals Board that an eight-day consultation period for the river management plans fell short of the requirements of the Convention. It considered that since domestic remedies had redressed the issue of the communication, the case would be closed.

The advance copy of the report of the fortieth meeting, including information concerning the communication at issue, will be shortly available at: http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ccMeetings.html.

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

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CC:

Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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