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Mar Fernandez Merlo  
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Madrid, Spain

Dear Ms. Fernandez Merlo,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Spain with provisions of the Convention on public participation in connection with updating of environmental permits (ACCC/C/2014/122)**

During the discussion of the above communication at its forty-ninth meeting (Geneva, 11—15 December 2017), the Compliance Committee indicated that it would benefit from English translations of the relevant parts of the legislation concerned.

Accordingly, please provide English translations of those provisions of Royal Legislative Decree 1/2016 of 16 December 2016 and Royal Decree 815/2013 of 18 October 2013 that you consider relevant to the communication. In this regard, please provide English translations of at least the following provisions (as well as any other provisions that you consider to be relevant):

- 1) The first transitional provision, article 10, article 20, article 24 and article 26 of Royal Legislative Decree 1/2016;
- 2) Relevant aspects of annex IV of Royal Legislative Decree 1/2016;
- 3) If not otherwise covered by the above, the equivalent provisions for articles 16 and 25 of Law 16/2002 in Royal Legislative Decree 1/2016;
- 4) If not otherwise covered by the above, the equivalent provisions for article 1, paragraphs 16 and 36, of Law 5/2013 in Royal Legislative Decree 1/2016;
- 5) Articles 14-16 of Royal Decree 815/2003.

Due to their potential importance for the Committee's deliberations, please ensure that the translations provided are of a high professional standard.

The Committee would be very grateful to receive the requested translations on or before **Friday, 9 February 2018**. Please send the requested information to [aarhus.compliance@unece.org](mailto:aarhus.compliance@unece.org), copying the communicant which will then have **two weeks** to provide the Committee with any comments it wishes to make on the information provided. The Committee will consider the information received by the above deadlines when deliberating upon its draft findings at its upcoming sixtieth meeting (Geneva, 12—16 March 2018).

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

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