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To: ECE-Aarhus-Compliance <aarhus.compliance@un.org>

Cc: Fiona Marshall

Subject: Re: Query as to status of domestic procedures relevant to your communication concerning Albania

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

On behalf of the complainants, I would like to inform you that their appeal before the Tirana Administrative Appeals Court is still pending, as attested by the relevant certificate issued on 3 October 2019 by that court (see two files entitled Annex 1; one of the them contains a scan of the certificate and the other its translation in English).

We would also like to inform you of an important excerpt from the 2018 Annual Report of the Albanian High Judicial Council, according to which it would take more than 17 years for the High Court, when fully constituted, to clear its backlog of cases - indeed, in light of the accumulation of additional cases on the High Court's docket since the adoption of the report and the continuing non-functioning of the Court, it is certain that this estimate should be revised upwards (Annex 2; the relevant paragraph from the is reproduced in Albanian and translated into English). The complainants believe that this is the most official acknowledgment that an appeal on points of law before the High Court, if and when the Administrative Appeals Court delivers a judgment in their case, would not constitute an effective remedy (be it in the context of their request for interim proceedings or for their substantive request), and that they should therefore be absolved from the obligation to pursue any additional judicial remedy after securing an appeals court decision.

Yours sincerely,

Theodoros Alexandridis