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## Swedish statements regarding the admissibility of the communication PRE/ACCC/C/2019/173

Sweden would like to thank the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee for the possibility to leave a statement on the preliminary admissibility of the communication regarding access to information.

On 29 October 2019 Sweden received the information that Staffan Dahllöf has now – via EFSA and after an appeal of EFSA’s initial reply - received the requested documents in its entirety. Given the short notice, Sweden has unfortunately not been able to deliver a written statement at this stage.

However, we would like to point out that the reason for denial of parts of the information contained in the requested documents was that it would adversely affect international relations in respect of Sweden’s relations to the EU. Given that Mr Dahllöf has now received the requested information from EFSA Sweden wants to draw attention to paragraph 20 (d) of the annex to decision I/7. In our view it is questionable if the communication does pass the threshold of the *de minimis* with respect to its relevance and importance in the light of the purpose and functions of the Committee. The communication should therefore be deemed incompatible with the provisions of decision I/7, thus the ACCC should find it inadmissible.