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**Subject: Reply by the European Commission services to the invitation of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (ref: ACCC/M/2017/3)**

Dear Ms. Marshall,

I would like to thank the Committee for its offer to provide advice and guidance and for its invitation to discuss the progress made with regard to ACCC/2008/C/32 (Part II) in the case referred to above<sup>1</sup>.

Following the adoption by the Commission of the legislative proposal to amend the Aarhus Regulation and of the Communication on Access to Justice in national courts in environmental matters<sup>2</sup>, I would like to confirm our intention to take up this offer. Considering the EU's ambition for swift progress in the legislative process, I would be grateful if a meeting could be scheduled and advice could be provided at the Committee's earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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<sup>1</sup> See [https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/compliance/Requests\\_from\\_the\\_MOP/ACCC-M-2017-3\\_European\\_Union/Correspondence\\_with\\_the\\_Party\\_concerned/toPartyM3\\_21.01.2020.pdf](https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/compliance/Requests_from_the_MOP/ACCC-M-2017-3_European_Union/Correspondence_with_the_Party_concerned/toPartyM3_21.01.2020.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> See [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/news/commission-proposes-improve-public-scrutiny-eu-acts-related-environment-2020-10-14\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/news/commission-proposes-improve-public-scrutiny-eu-acts-related-environment-2020-10-14_en)