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Dear Mr. Chetrit,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by France with the provisions of the Convention in connection with decision-making process for a domestic waste disposal plant (Ref. ACCC/C/2007/22)

With reference to our letter of 17 April 2008 concerning the above matter, we would like to inform you that at its twenty-first meeting (17-19 September 2008), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee decided that the substance of communication ACCC/C/2007/22 would be considered at the Committee's twenty-second meeting, to be held on 17-19 December 2008 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

The discussion is currently scheduled to start at 11 am on Thursday 18 December 2008 in Salle VIII of the Palais des Nations.

In accordance with chapter IX of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, both the Party concerned and the communicant are entitled to participate in the discussion on the subject matter of the communication, though not in the preparation or adoption of any findings, measures or recommendations of the Committee.

Should you or any other representative of the communicant wish to attend the meeting, the attached registration form should be sent to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, attention of Ms. Maricar de la Cruz (fax: +41 22 917 0634), by 15 November 2007. If you would require financial support to cover travel costs and daily subsistence allowance in order to be able to send a representative to the meeting, please notify the secretariat.

According to a decision of the Committee at its fifth meeting, discussions on communications will generally take the following form:

- introduction by the Chair and opening of the discussion (by the Chair or the special rapporteur);
- presentations by the communicant and by the Party concerned, including possible joint proposals;
- questions from Committee members, responses from the Party concerned and the communicant;
- comments from observers at the invitation of the Chair;
- final comments by the communicant;
- final comments by the Party concerned.

The Committee has indicated that the meeting should not be used as an occasion to introduce substantial amounts of information that could or should have been provided to it at an earlier stage, unless this is unavoidable (e.g. because it concerns very recent developments). Should you wish to present any (further) substantial written material related to the matter, you should take into account that where such information is received less than two weeks before the scheduled meeting, it is doubtful whether the Committee would be able to take it into consideration when it is discussing the matter, even where the information is provided in English.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Ms. Marianna Bolshakova (marianna.bolshakova@unece.org, ph. +41-22-917-2650, fax +41-22-917-0634) if you require any further information concerning the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Jeremy Wates
Secretary

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Cc: Ms. Emmanuelle Swynghedauw, Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, France

Encs. Registration form for the 22nd meeting of the Compliance Committee