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Dear Mr. Ramet,

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)

At its twenty-fourth meeting (30 June – 3 July 2009), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concluded its preparation of findings with regard to the above communication, taking into account comments on the draft findings received from you on 25 June 2009 and from the communicant on 17 June 2009. In addition, on 1 July 2009, the Committee received an amicus brief from the NGO Friends of the Earth France entitled "Remarks on the French public participation framework relating to the communication ACCC/C/2007/22".

Please find enclosed an advance English copy of the Committee's findings, which is also being sent to the communicant. This will in due course be produced as an official UN document, at which point it will be available in the three official UNECE languages.

The secretariat has taken note of your comment concerning the fact that the draft findings were not available in French. We regret the practical constraints which prevented us from making the draft available in French, at least without the prospect of some delay, and wish to thank you for your understanding in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Wates
Secretary

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

Cc: Mr. Jean-Daniel Chetrit, Attorney, Cabinet Pichavant-Chetrit, Paris

Encs. Findings on communication ACCC/C/2007/22