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Subject:

Reply to comments on the draft European Union Implementation Report of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Dear Ms Anke Stock,

Thank you for your letter dated, 30 January 2011, in which you indicate your views regarding the draft European Union Implementation Report of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (AC). Your views and indications have been carefully examined. The Commission services are of the view that the report has dealt extensively with the topic you mention, but considering that this is a very important area of the AC implementation we have inserted the below text in the report point 104:

"The civil community has expressed their strong support of an EU instrument on the topic, either through the adoption of the pending directive or by taking other action in the field."

Thank you for your comments once again, as this is the Commission's policy, your letter will be posted on our website:

(http://ec.europa.eu/environment/aarhus/index.htm#reporting).

For the sake of transparency this reply will also be made available there.

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