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Re: Arrangements for Intergovernmental Meetings (SBI): Call for submissions from Parties and observer organizations on ways to enhance the engagement of observer organizations (FCCC/SBI/2010/L.21, paragraph 19)

Dear Ms. Figueres,

I would like to express my appreciation for the participation and valuable contribution of Ms. Megumi Endo to the recent meetings of the Aarhus Convention's Task Force on Public Participation in International Forums, and associated workshop (Geneva, 29 June 2010). Her input into the session of the workshop on how Parties to the Aarhus Convention had promoted the principles of the Aarhus Convention in the lead up to, during and after the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference was very thoughtful and constructive.

In light of the current call for submissions on ways to enhance the engagement of observer organizations in intergovernmental meetings under the UNFCCC (FCCC/SBI/2010/L.21, paragraph 19), we would like to share with you the enclosed excerpt from the Chair's summary of the workshop regarding the workshop's session on promoting the principles of the Aarhus Convention in the lead up to, during and after the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference. We hope that this excerpt may be useful in the context of the current call for submissions.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss any aspect of the enclosure or if we might be of any further assistance. We look forward to the possibility of further exchanges between our secretariats on these issues in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

  
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*Encl: Excerpt of the Chair's summary of the Aarhus Convention's workshop on "Experiences in promoting the application of the principles of the Aarhus Convention in international forums", as annexed to the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Task Force on Public Participation in International Forums, 29 June 2010*