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Subject: Re: ACCC/C/2008/32 (EU) - Party concerned's request for extension of commenting deadline

Dear Fiona

Thank you very much for your email.

ClientEarth is very keen to progress the resolution of Communication ACCC/C/2008/32 as quickly as possible, and within the rules of the Aarhus Convention and Compliance Committee.

However, we do understand that it may be difficult for the European Commission to act over the summer holiday season. Therefore, a reasonable extension of the Commission's deadline for comments - say to mid- or end of September would be acceptable from our point of view.

The Commission has not provided any reasons for the much longer extension requested. If the Commission would like this, it should provide the reasons why it is needed. Then it could be considered whether the further extension would be reasonable. On the basis of the Commission's email below, it is not.

An open 'as soon as possible' extension would create further unacceptable delay and uncertainty in relation to the process regarding Communication ACCC/C/2008/32. We fundamentally oppose this. A fixed deadline is crucial.

I hope this is helpful.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. I am now also going on holiday, but my fellow Director of Programmes, Karla Hill (khill@clientearth.org), will be available to deal with any questions you may have.

Best wishes

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