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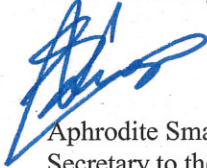
Dear Ms. Anning,
Dear Mr. Neal,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with provisions of the Convention in connection with access to information held by privatized water companies (Ref. ACCC/C/2010/55)

At its thirty-sixth meeting (27-30 March 2012), the Committee took note of the letter of the communicant of 24 January 2012, informing the Committee about the questions to be referred to the Court of Justice of the European Union and expressing its concern at the prospect that the case would be still pending for a couple of years. Using its electronic decision-making procedure, the Committee had instructed the secretariat to seek the views of the parties on the possibility to discuss the communication at the Committee's thirty-sixth meeting. Taking into account the replies of the communicant and the Party concerned on 17 and 20 February 2012, respectively, the Committee had decided not to discuss the communication at that meeting. The Committee considered the situation and decided that it would suspend any further consideration of the communication until the final decision on the case is issued.

In the meantime, you are invited to keep the Committee informed on the proceedings.

Yours sincerely,



Aphrodite Smagadi
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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