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Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the European Union with provisions of the Convention in relation to the approval of state aid for Hinkley Point C (ACCC/C/2015/128)

At its fifty-fourth meeting (Geneva, 27-30 September 2016), the Compliance Committee took note of the comments received from the communicant on 7 September 2016 commenting on the Party concerned's response to the communication dated 20 May 2016, including its submissions on admissibility. After considering the information on admissibility provided by the parties, the Committee agreed to confirm its earlier determination of preliminary admissibility. The Committee also requested the secretariat to seek the views of the parties on whether, given the substance of the communication, they would consider it appropriate for the Committee to proceed to commence its deliberations on the substance of the communication without holding a hearing. The Committee agreed that it would decide how to proceed with the communication in the light of the comments received.

The Committee would be grateful to receive your view by **Friday, 2 December 2016** on whether, given the substance of the communication, you would consider it appropriate for the Committee to proceed to commence its deliberations on the substance of the communication without holding a hearing. Please send your reply to aarhus.compliance@unece.org, copying the other party.

The Committee will consider the comments received when deciding how to proceed with respect to the communication at its upcoming fifty-fifth meeting (Geneva, 6-9 December 2016).

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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