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Dear Ms. Morgan,

**Re: Decision IV/9i of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention**

As you may recall, through paragraph 6 of decision IV/9i, the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention invited the United Kingdom to submit to the Committee, six months before the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties, information on its progress in implementing the recommendations of the Committee. The fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties will be held in Maastricht, The Netherlands, on 30 June-2 July 2014, and thus, the deadline for the United Kingdom's report on its implementation of decision IV/9i is **30 December 2013**.

At its 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting (Geneva, 24-27 September 2013), the Compliance Committee commenced preparation of its draft report to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session on the implementation of decision IV/9i and agreed to continue its work on the draft report at its forty-third meeting. Following the receipt, on or before 30 December 2013, of the United Kingdom's final report on its progress to implement decision IV/9i, the Compliance Committee will finalize its draft report to the Meeting of the Parties through its electronic decision-making procedure, before sending the draft report to the parties for their comments. The Committee will take into account any comments received before finalizing the report at its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting (Geneva, 24-28 March 2014) for submission to the Meeting of the Parties.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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