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Dear Ms. Morgan,

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

At its fortieth meeting (Geneva, 25-28 March 2013), the Committee reviewed the implementation of decision IV/9i on compliance by the United Kingdom with its obligations under the Convention.

The Committee took note of your report submitted on 28 February 2013, as well as of the comments submitted by the Coalition for Access to Justice for the Environment on the same date. The Committee agreed to review the situation in detail at its forty-first meeting (Geneva, 25-28 June 2013) and has requested the secretariat to explore the possibility of a discussion or possibly videoconference with a representative of the Party concerned and interested observers.

Kindly confirm your availability on the dates of the meeting, so that the secretariat can then proceed with the necessary administrative arrangements. The Committee will then start considering its recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session in that connection.

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

Yours sincerely,

Aphrodite Smagadi
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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