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Subject: RE: FW: Invitation to communicants and observers to participate in open session on decision V/9n concerning the United Kingdom at Committee's 56th meeting (Geneva, 28 February - 3 March 2017)

Dear Maricar,

Thank you for your email.

I attach the Statutory Instrument (2017/ 95) that the UK government laid before Parliament on 3 February - please see "*Section VII Costs limits in Aarhus Convention claims*". These rules will come into effect on 28 February 2017, and will amend the civil court procedure rules in England & Wales to, among other things, enable the court to increase or decrease either party's costs caps, at any time during the proceedings, thereby removing the certainty that now exists with fixed costs caps.

I look forward to hearing from you further with the arrangements for the audio conferencing. Also, please let me know whether ClientEarth, as Communicant, will be given an opportunity to put in a written submission on the UK's progress prior to the matter being considered in the open session

Kind regards,

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