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Subject: Re: Decision V/9n (United Kingdom) - Committee's second progress review

Dear Fiona,

Many thanks for sending a copy of the Compliance Committee's Second progress review of the implementation of decision V/9n on compliance by the United Kingdom with its obligations under the Convention.

We note that the UK's Third Report is due on or before 1st April 2017. As you know, we would be grateful for the opportunity to submit observations on that Report at the appropriate time.

In the interim, as you know, Will Rundle (Friends of the Earth) will be participating in the audio proceedings on Thursday 2nd March on behalf of Friends of the Earth and the RSPB. The Committee may also wish to note that Environment Links UK has submitted a written Statement to the 10th Meeting of the Task Force on Access to Justice under the Aarhus Convention (meeting today and tomorrow). This Statement has been endorsed by Scottish Environment Link, Wales Environment Link, Northern Ireland Environment Link and 10 members of Wildlife & Countryside Link (including FoE, the RSPB and ClientEarth). It provides a useful update on many of the issues covered by the Decision and is posted on the Task Force's Meeting webpage here:

https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/a.to.j/TF10-2017/10TFAJ_Environment_Links_UK_statement.pdf

Many thanks,
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