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20 October 2015

Mr. Ahmed Azam
Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra)
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London SW1P 3JR
United Kingdom

Dear Mr. Azam,

**Re: Decision V/9n concerning compliance by the United Kingdom
with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention**

As you may be aware, pursuant to paragraph 8 of decision V/9n, the Government of the United Kingdom is requested to provide its second detailed progress report to the Committee by **31 October 2015** on the measures taken and the results achieved in the implementation of the recommendations set out in that decision.

To assist you with this task, the Compliance Committee reviewed the first progress report submitted by the Government of the United Kingdom on 29 December 2014, as well as the comments received from communicants and observers and, in the light of the information received, prepared a first progress review of the Government's implementation of decision V/9n.

Please find **attached** for your information the Compliance Committee's first progress review of the Government of the United Kingdom's first progress report.

I invite you to take into account the Compliance Committee's first progress review in finalizing the Government of the United Kingdom's second progress report on the implementation of decision V/9n.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Marshall', written over a light blue background.

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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Mr. Paul Stookes, representing the communicants of communication ACCC/C/2008/23
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Mr. James Thornton, ClientEarth, communicant of communication ACCC/C/2008/33
Mr. Simon Brockington, Marine Conservation Society, communicant of communication ACCC/C/2008/33
Mr. Robert Latimer, communicant of communication ACCC/C/2008/33
Mr. Alistair MacIntosh, representing the communicant of communication ACCC/C/2010/53
Mr. Terence Ewing, communicant of communications ACCC/C/2011/63 and ACCC/C/2011/64
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Enc: Committee's first progress review on the implementation of decision V/9n concerning compliance by the United Kingdom