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24 February 2017

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

Dear Mr. Azam,

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

Please find enclosed the Committee's second progress review on the implementation of decision V/9n concerning compliance by the United Kingdom. The Committee's second progress review examines the progress made by the Party concerned to implement decision V/9n to date, based on the Party concerned's second progress report and the comments received from communicants and observers.

I would like to draw your particular attention to paragraphs 67-119 of the enclosed second progress review, which set out the Committee's considerations and conclusions on the extent to which the requirements of decision V/9n have been met thus far. Please note that, as explained in paragraph 119 of the enclosed progress review, in the light of the Committee's own deadline for finalizing its report to the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties, all measures necessary to implement decision V/9n should be completed by, and reported upon by no later than 1 April 2017, as that will be the final opportunity for the Party concerned to demonstrate to the Committee that it has fully met the requirements 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 'F Marshall'.

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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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