

18 January 2021

Mr. Robert Konrad and Ms. Zsuzsanna Belenyessy,  
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Unit E4, Compliance and Better Regulation,  
European Commission

Dear Mr. Konrad and Ms. Belenyessy,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the European Union with provisions of the Convention in relation to the approval of state aid for Hinkley Point C (ACCC/C/2015/128)**

I write to inform you that the Compliance Committee today agreed its draft findings regarding communication ACCC/C/2015/128 through its electronic decision-making procedure.

The draft findings are now forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration and possible comments pursuant to paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/7.

I would be grateful if you would provide any comments on the draft findings by **Monday, 1 March 2021**. In finalizing the findings, the Committee will take into account any comments you submit on the draft findings by the set deadline.

The text has been drafted on the assumption that the European Union agrees with the Committee making recommendations in accordance with paragraph 36(b) of the annex to decision I/7. If this is not the case, please indicate this in your reply. Given the upcoming seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties, the Committee considers that the making of recommendations directly to the Party concerned, coupled with timely action by the Party to implement such recommendations, would enable the matters to be resolved in the most expeditious way.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,



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Fiona Marshall  
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Enc: Draft findings for the parties' comments

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