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Subject: Re: ACCC/C/2016/142 (United Kingdom) - letter to the communicant enclosing Committee's draft findings

Dear Ms Marshall,

I have now spent some time reading carefully the draft findings. I would wish to congratulate the people who produced this as clearly a considerable amount of detailed work has been done. I cannot find any errors of fact and obviously I agree with the overall conclusions. The difficulty for members of the public is dealing with a process where there is a material risk of a substantial sanction for challenging a public authority that is not acting in accordance with the law. The other people who have suffered similar sanctions have decided to stop challenging public authorities as a consequence.

I thank the Committee and their Secretariat for the hard work that has been done and I hope that the UK Government will following the publication of these findings take timely actions to comply with the Convention.

Kind regards

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