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Dear Ms Marshall

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Your Ref.: ACCC/C/2015/134 (Belgium)

I have read Mr Delnoy's memo, sent close to the deadline for comments, with due attention.

I should clarify that there are, to my knowledge, no statistics on the proportion of proceedings where the litigants are or are not represented by a lawyer. If such statistics existed, I imagine that the Party concerned would have submitted them to the Committee.

Furthermore, I take issue with the argument that clerks to Justices of the Peace would advise the parties, since Article 297 of the Civil Procedure Code provides specifically that 'the staff of the Clerk's Office may not, whether orally or in writing, put forward the parties' case or give them advice'.

Yours faithfully,

[Signed pp] Alain LEBRUN
Lawyer.

P.S. I have sent a copy of this letter to Mr Delnoy.