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Subject: RE: Decision VII/8s (United Kingdom) - invitation to open session at Committee's 77th meeting (13-16 December 2022)

Hi Carol,

Firstly, please accept my apologies for such a belated response to your email.

Thank you for your letter (attached) regarding the UK's Action Plan and the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee's feedback on this, particularly comments made at December's ACCC meeting. It is helpful for us to see reflections from you and colleagues on this.

We also noted your interest in discussing the ways in which prohibitive expense can be addressed. We have recently spoken to MoJ colleagues, as owners of this policy area, to obtain an update on developments. It is our understanding that this issue will be covered within their ECPR Call for Evidence, and the intention is still for this to be published in early 2023. MoJ plans to engage with stakeholders on the detail once the Call for Evidence has been published. They are aware of your interest in this subject so I anticipate that they will contact to set something up in due course – if not, please let us know and we would be happy to help facilitate a meeting between you and MoJ on that issue.

Separately, the Defra Aarhus team is planning to engage with stakeholders more broadly soon, as we start work on the First Progress Report. We will be in touch with you on this.

Finally, I wanted to inform you of a change in the UK Focal Point, as today is my last day before going on maternity leave. I have copied in the new Focal Point – Tom Fuller – for your reference. Alex and Grace continue to work on Aarhus matters as well.

I hope that's been helpful by way of an update, but please don't hesitate to get in touch with the team if you require anything further at this point.

Kind regards,

Justine