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15 April 2009

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United Kingdom

Dear Mr. McCracken,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with the provisions of the Convention in connection with the expansion of the Belfast City Airport (Ref. ACCC/C/2008/27)**

At its twenty-third meeting (31 March - 3 April 2009), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee discussed the next procedural steps with respect to communication ACCC/C/2008/27 (United Kingdom).

Having taken note of the response received from the Party concerned on 26 February 2009 and of further information provided by the communicant on 26 March 2009, the Committee agreed to discuss the substance of the communication at its twenty-fourth meeting (30 June - 3 July 2009). Specifically, it agreed to discuss the communication on the second day of the meeting (1 July 2009), immediately after the discussion on communication ACCC/C/2008/23, which will also be discussed on that day. An indicative timetable for the meeting will be circulated nearer the time.

In accordance with chapter IX of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, both the Party concerned and the communicant are entitled to participate in the discussion on the subject matter of the communication, though not in the preparation or adoption of any findings, measures or recommendations of the Committee.

Should you or any other representative of the communicant wish to attend the meeting, the attached registration form should be sent to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, attention of Ms. Maricar de la Cruz (fax: +41 22 917 0634), by 16 June 2009. If you would require financial support to cover travel costs and daily subsistence allowance in order to be able to send a representative to the meeting, please notify the secretariat by 26 May 2009.

According to a decision of the Committee at its fifth meeting, discussions on communications will generally take the following form:

- introduction by the Chair and opening of the discussion (by the Chair or the special rapporteur);
- presentations by the communicant and by the Party concerned, including possible joint proposals;
- questions from Committee members, responses from the Party concerned and the communicant;
- comments from other observers at the invitation of the Chair;
- final comments by the communicant;
- final comments by the Party concerned.

The Committee has indicated that the meeting should not be used as an occasion to introduce substantial amounts of information that could or should have been provided to it at an earlier stage, unless this is unavoidable (e.g. because it concerns very recent developments). Should you wish to present any (further) substantial written material related to the matter, you should take into account that where such information is received less than two weeks before the scheduled meeting, it is doubtful whether the Committee would be able to take it into consideration when it is discussing the matter, even where the information is provided in English.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information concerning the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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Jeremy Wates  
Secretary

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Cc: Dr. Åsa Sjöström, EUIC, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), United Kingdom

Encs. Registration form for the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Compliance Committee