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Dear Dr. Thornton, Mr. Brockington and Mr. Latimer,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with provisions of the Convention in connection with the scope of judicial review, costs, timing and other issues related to access to justice (Ref. ACCC/C/2008/33)**

On 2 December 2008, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received the above communication submitted by Mr. Thornton on behalf of non-governmental organization (NGO) ClientEarth, London, United Kingdom, Mr. Brockington on behalf of NGO Marine Conservation Society, Ross-on-Wye, United Kingdom, and Mr. Latimer, Whitburn, United Kingdom, in his individual capacity, and

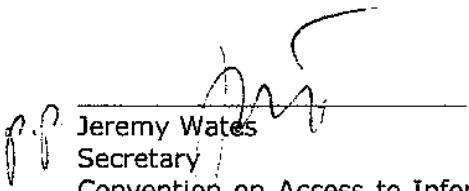
addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention regarding compliance by the United Kingdom with certain provisions of the Convention. The communication was submitted in accordance with the provisions of chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2008/33, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the preliminary admissibility of the communication at its twenty-second meeting (17-19 December 2008), has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. A copy of the preliminary determination on admissibility is attached. Please note, however, that the Committee has not reached any conclusions with respect to the compliance issues referred to in the communication.

In order to facilitate further consideration of the communication, the Committee, at its twenty-second meeting, preliminarily discussed whether and what issues might require further clarification from the Party concerned and/or the communicant. It agreed to continue this discussion through electronic means with a view to agreeing on any additional questions to the parties concerned at the latest by 19 January 2008. Should the Committee identify any such questions, they will be forwarded to the Party concerned and the communicant in the fourth week of January 2009.

Yours sincerely,



Jeremy Wates  
Secretary

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Cc: Dr. Åsa Sjöström, EUIC, Defra

Encs. Preliminary determination on admissibility  
Copy of letter to Dr. Åsa Sjöström, EUIC, Defra  
Datasheet on the communication