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2 May 2011

Dr. Geoff Meaden
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Dear Dr. Meaden,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom in connection with the planning decision for a superstore in Hythe and access to justice in general (Ref. ACCC/C/2010/45)

At its thirty-second meeting, the Committee considered the above referenced communication, including your written submissions of 27 March 2011 in which you sought to challenge the Committee's decision to apply summary proceedings in respect of those issues already dealt with in its deliberations in previous communications concerning the United Kingdom (ACCC/C/2008/23, ACCC/C/2008/27, ACCC/C/2008/33). After considering your submissions, the Committee decided to affirm the decision taken at its twenty-ninth meeting to apply summary proceedings in respect of those issues already dealt with in its deliberations in the three abovementioned communications.

In respect of those issues raised in your letter of 27 March 2011 that were not already dealt with by the Committee in relation to the three abovementioned communications, the Committee requests you to substantiate your allegations by clear reference both to the substantive provisions of the Convention you allege to have been breached and to concrete examples from the current system in the United Kingdom within the scope of the Convention demonstrating these breaches. If this further information is not provided prior to the Committee's thirty-third meeting on 27-28 June 2011, the Committee may decide to conclude the case.

In respect of the appendix to your letter of 27 March 2011 providing further submissions on costs, the Committee noted that your letter of 27 March 2011, including attachments, was forwarded to the Party concerned. The Committee decided that, subject to the endorsement of its findings and recommendations in ACCC/C/2008/23, ACCC/C/2008/27, ACCC/C/2008/33 by the Meeting of the Parties at its fourth session (Chisinau, 29 June – 1 July 2011), the Party concerned will be invited to consider your submissions when preparing its report in respect of the Committee's findings in those communications.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have questions or seek clarification of any of the above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Smagadi', written over a horizontal line.

Aphrodite Smagadi
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

cc: Ms. Jane Barton, International and European Coordination Division, DEFRA, UK
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