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Dear Mr. Azam,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom in connection with costs inflicted in case of refusal to grant judicial review (Ref. ACCC/C/2012/77)**

At its forty-fourth meeting (Geneva, 25-28 March 2014), the Committee completed its draft findings on communication ACCC/C/2012/77 (United Kingdom) in closed session.

The draft findings are now forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration and possible comments pursuant to paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/7. The Committee intends to finalize and adopt the findings at its forty-fifth meeting (Maastricht, 29 June – 2 July 2014). Hence, we would be grateful if you would provide any comments by **26 June 2014**. In finalizing the findings, the Committee will take into account any comments you submit on the draft by the set deadline.

The text has been drafted on the assumption that your Government agrees with the Committee making recommendations in accordance with paragraph 36 (b) of the annex to decision I/7. If this is not the case, please indicate this in your reply. Given the lengthy timeframe until the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties, Committee considers that the making of recommendations directly to the Party concerned, coupled with timely action by the Party to implement such recommendations, would enable the matters to be resolved in the most expeditious way.

Should you have any questions with regard to the procedure, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F Marshall', written in a cursive style.

Fiona Marshall  
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations Office and international organizations in Geneva  
John Sauven, Executive Director, Greenpeace Limited

Enc: Draft findings