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16 December 2013

Ms. Ceri Morgan
Head of EU Environment Policy
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
EU and Coordination
Area 1C, Nobel House
17 Smith Square
London SW1P 3JR
United Kingdom

Dear Ms. Morgan,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with provisions of the Convention on public participation in connection with the River Faughan (ACCC/C/2013/90)

On 4 June 2013, 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 addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by the United Kingdom with the provisions of the Convention in connection with providing requested environmental information and opportunities for the public to participate at an early stage in decision-making concerning the River Faughan, as well as providing adequate and effective and not prohibitively expensive access to justice. 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.

Please find enclosed a copy of the communication, which is being forwarded to you at the request of the Committee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 22 of the annex to decision I/7.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2013/90, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. The datasheet on the communication is attached and the main documentation relating to the communication will be shortly available on the Committee's web site at: <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/pubcom.htm>.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its forty-second meeting (24-27 September 2013), has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. Please note, however, that the Committee has decided that the communication should be suspended pending the outcome of the communicant's ongoing court proceedings. A copy of the preliminary determination on admissibility is attached.

In the light of the communication pending being suspended, you are not required to respond to the communication in any way pending the outcome of the communicant's ongoing court proceedings. At that stage, the Committee will decide whether to continue or close the case. The communication is thus sent to you for your information only.



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Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you wish for any clarification of the above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F Marshall'.

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Сс: Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Mr. Dean Blackwood on behalf of the River Faughan Anglers Ltd.

Encs. Communication ACCC/C/2013/90 (including annexes)
Preliminary determination on admissibility
Datasheet on the communication