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Dear Sirs/Madams,

Re: Draft report of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee on the implementation of decision IV/9i of the Meeting of the Parties concerning compliance by the United Kingdom

At its forty-third meeting (Geneva, 17-20 December 2013), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee reviewed the progress made by the United Kingdom with regard to the implementation of decision IV/9i of the Meeting of the Parties concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention. Taking into account the information received, the Committee prepared its draft report to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session on the implementation of the decision and the Committee's recommendations, completing its draft report after the meeting using its electronic decision-making procedure.

The Committee's draft report is now being forwarded at the request of the Committee for your possible comments. You are invited to provide your comments as soon as possible, but no later than **21 March 2014**. Taking into account the comments received by the set date, the Committee will finalize and adopt its report and submit it to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (aarhus.compliance@unece.org) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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