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Ms. Barbara Anning,
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Dear Ms. Anning,

Re: Decision IV/9i of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention

As you are aware, at its fourth session (Chisinau, 29 June-1 July 2011), the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention adopted decision IV/9i on compliance by the United Kingdom with its obligations under the Convention.

At its thirty-sixth meeting (27-30 March 2012), the Committee took note of the information submitted by the Coalition for Access to Justice for the Environment. It also noted that you had notified that you would not be able to provide information on the progress in implementing the recommendations of the Committee by the deadline set out in the decision (February 2012). You are now invited to submit the as soon as possible the necessary information, as required by the above-mentioned decision. The Committee agreed to review the material it receives at its thirty-seventh meeting (26-29 June 2012).

If you require clarification of any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Aphrodite Smagadi
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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