

Mr Alistair McGlone

I have been a lawyer in the public service for 30 years, specialising in international environmental law. If elected as a member of the compliance committee, I would bring the following competences.

- **proven long term commitment to Aarhus:** as head of the UK delegation that negotiated the Convention; in preparing, in partnership with the UNECE Secretariat, the text that evolved into pillar I of the Convention; as the chair of the negotiating group that finalised Article 9: and as chair of the open-ended intergovernmental working group that drew up the draft texts for the decision establishing the compliance mechanism and the rules of procedure;
- **extensive practical experience of compliance committee membership:** for example I am currently the chair of PRTR Committee and previously chair of the Espoo mechanism;
- **awareness of the legal and political issues raised by compliance mechanisms,** leading the EU during the negotiations that led to the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance; and chairing the group that prepared the text founding the Basel compliance committee;
- **comprehensive insights** into environmental information law, gained from drafting the first UK Environmental Information Regulations and being the lead environmental lawyer on the preparation of the Freedom of Information Act;
- **considerable awareness of the issues around public participation,** as a member of the Aarhus ad hoc group considering Public Participation in International Forums and head of the UK delegation that negotiated the Espoo Convention;
- **substantial contributions to access to justice,** working with outside stakeholders to streamline and make environmental tribunals in the UK more effective and inclusive;
- **a willingness to work constructively and pragmatically with non-governmental stakeholders** to achieve practical and concrete results with consensus support, for example by forging a partnership with the judiciary and academia on my environmental tribunal work, or working with colleagues on the public international law panel of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law to maintain the Institute's breadth and inclusiveness;
- **a knowledge of the important principles underlying environmental democracy,** as one of the lead EU negotiators of the Rio Declaration, in particular principle 10; and
- **a commitment to working with civil society in my private life,** involving my sons in fundraising for a development charity and helping with the organisation of my local group; and my wife has sixteen years' experience of working for a women's health NGO.