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Dear Ms. Barton and Mr. Stookes,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with provisions of the Convention in connection with costs associated with discharge of an interim injunction (Ref. ACCC/C/2008/23)

At its twenty-sixth meeting (Geneva, 15-18 December 2009), the Committee continued its deliberations on the above communication.

Following its deliberations, the Committee has decided that it requires clarification of one further point, namely, whether the communicants, if ultimately successful in the substantive private nuisance proceedings against the operator, would be entitled in the award of costs to claim the costs of £5,130 already paid to the Agency and Council from the operator?

The Committee would be grateful to receive your response on this point by Friday, 22 January 2010.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require clarification regarding the above question.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Wates

Secretary

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters