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Dear Mr. Turner,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning
costs associated with discharge of an interim injunction
(Ref. ACCC/C/2008/23)**

At its twenty-first meeting (17-19 September 2008), the Compliance Committee considered the request contained in your letter dated 7 July 2008 and in a letter from Dr. Åsa Sjöström dated 1 September 2008 concerning the extension of the five-month deadline for providing response stipulated in paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7.

Having noted that the request related to some of the issues addressed in the communication which were currently subject to review by the Court of Appeal and that the communicant did not have objections to the extension of the time limit for the Party's response, the Committee agreed to postpone the deadline accordingly.

At the same time, the Committee requested that the Government of the United Kingdom provide to it by 31 October 2008 an initial response dealing with some of the questions posed in the penultimate paragraph of the letter from the secretariat on behalf of the Committee dated 17 April 2008. Based on this response and any reaction by the communicant, the Chair and the curator for the communication would decide whether the Committee would hold a discussion on the substance of the communication at its twenty-second meeting or whether to postpone it.

Yours sincerely,



Jeremy Wates

Secretary

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

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