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Ms Fiona Marshall Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee **UN Economic Commission for Europe Environment Division** Palais des Nations CH-1211 Geneva 10 Switzerland

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Dear Ms Marshall

ACCC/C/2009/38: confirmation of the status of the communication

- I refer to the Committee's findings on communication ACCC/C/2009/38 (ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2011/2/Add.10, 24 August 2011), in particular paragraphs 88 and 89. The Committee decided that it would be premature at that stage to consider the communicant's allegations concerning article 9. This was because the communicant was due to bring a domestic appeal relating to the subject matter of the communication. The Committee indicated that it was "awaiting further clarification from the communicant".
- 2. I understand from the Scottish Government that the domestic litigation has now been settled. The legal representatives of the communicant and Mr William Walton – who was involved in the domestic litigation - have indicated that the settlement would bring the matter to an end in respect of the issue being put before the Committee. I attach correspondence between the communicant's legal representatives and the Scottish Government in this regard.
- 3. Given these developments, and that there appears to have been no correspondence on the communication since August 2011, I would be grateful for confirmation from the Committee that this communication can be considered closed.

Yours sincerely

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