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Dear Ms. Anning, Mr. Meaden and Mr. Ewing,

Re: Communications to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom (Ref. ACCC/C/2010/45, ACCC/C/2011/60 and ACCC/C/2011/61)

On behalf of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee, I would like to thank the participants in the discussion of the above referenced communications at the thirty-seventh meeting of the Compliance Committee (Geneva, 26-29 June 2012).

The advance unedited copy of the report of the meeting, including information concerning the discussion on the communications at issue, will be shortly accessible at the following link http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ccMeetings.htm.

You may recall that during the discussion of the communications ACCC/C/2010/45 and ACCC/C/2011/60, the Committee requested the Party concerned to submit some additional information, as detailed in the questions annexed to the present letter. You are invited to reply to the question as soon as you can, but no later than 31 July 2012. In providing your responses, please address the questions of the Committee in a brief and explicit manner and provide the text of the relevant supporting documents in English. If the communicants wish to react to the responses sent by the Party concerned, they are requested to do so by 7 August 2012.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Aphrodite Smagadi
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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Annex - Question to the Party concerned with regard to communications ACCC/C/2010/45 and ACCC/C/2011/60

- 1. Please provide a short description (as explained at the hearing) of the procedure available at the Secretary of State and the Independent Inspector and how they are related.
- 2. Please provide a short description of the administrative or judicial procedures that are available to members of the public to raise the non-implementation of conditions imposed on the execution of a project by way of the permit authorizing that project.