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Dear Ms. Morgan, Ms. Wiedner, Mr. Konrad Dear Ms. Metcalfe,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom and the European Union with provisions of the Convention in relation to the implementation of the renewable energy programme in Scotland (ACCC/C/2012/68)

At its fortieth meeting (Geneva, 25-28 April 2013), the Committee took note of the information submitted by the communicant on 8 February 2013 and 22 March 2013, and the Parties concerned on 11 February 2013. It agreed to send additional questions to the parties, annexed to the present letter, and to continue its deliberations on the matter at its forty-first meeting (Geneva, 25-28 June 2013) with a view to completing its draft findings and, as appropriate, recommendations, which would then be sent for comment to the Party concerned and the communicant.

You are invited to reply to the questions as soon as you can, but no later than 20 May 2013. 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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Annex Questions with regard to communication ACCC/C/2012/68

To the Parties concerned (EU and UK):

Please provide the Committee with concrete information on when, where and how the public consultation regarding the West Loch Awe Timber Haul Route took place.

To the communicant

- 1) Please provide the Committee with concrete information on when, where and how the public consultation regarding the West Loch Awe Timber Haul Route took place.
- 2) Please explain why you were not able to participate in the public consultation