Ms Fiona Marshall

Aarhus Convention secretariat United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Palais des Nations 8–14 avenue de la Paix CH – 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland

Via Email: aarhus.compliance@unece.org

Fiona.Marshall@unece.org

6th June 2017

Findings of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee regarding case ACCC/C/2013/91 (United Kingdom)

To whom it may concern,

First of all I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Compliance Committee for their thoughtful consideration of my case and their findings.

Especially the recommendation to the party concerned to put in place a legal framework to ensure an effective notification of the public concerned outside of its territory gives hope for a fundamental change in this matter. Bearing in mind that the radioactive fallout from Chernobyl was spread across Europe and also reached Germany whose border is roughly 1300 kilometres from the damaged nuclear power plant site away, I would like to thank you for recommending that the party concerned should consider the magnitude of the effects if an accident would indeed occur, even if the risk of an accident is considered very small; whether the persons and their living environment within the possible range of the adverse effects could be harmed in case of an accident; and the

perceptions and worries of persons living within the possible range of the adverse effects. These will be very important aspects in future notification processes.

With regard to paragraphs 85 and 86 of the draft findings I would kindly ask the Committee to take note of the response from the German Government to my parliamentary question concerning the issue whether it was aware of any public announcements in Germany by either the party concerned or the applicant about the national Environmental Impact Assessment for Hinkley Point C, like, for example, press releases or advertisements. The German Government responded that it was not aware of any such announcements. I will send the Committee the response in German and a translated version as soon as the professional translation into English is ready. I would have gladly brought this information to the Committee's attention much sooner, but was not aware that I should have provided any further details to this matter. I rather hope you will take this information into account.

Additionally, I would like to reserve the opportunity to respond to any new arguments raised in the comments of the Party concerned on the draft findings.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia Kotting-Uhl