26 February 2019

Ms. Nikita Bhangu
Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
London
United Kingdom

Dear Ms. Bhangu,

Re: Decision VI/8k concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention

Please find enclosed the Committee’s first progress review on the implementation of decision VI/8k concerning compliance by the United Kingdom. The Committee’s first progress review examines the progress made by the United Kingdom to implement decision VI/8k to date, based on the United Kingdom’s first progress report and the comments received from communicants and observers.

I also take this opportunity to inform you that the Committee proposes to hold an open session on decision VI/8k on Friday, 15 March 2019, during its upcoming 63rd meeting (Geneva, 11-15 March 2019) to discuss any questions or comments that the Party concerned, communicants and observers may have on the Committee’s first progress review. Further details regarding the open session on 15 March will be sent shortly.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,

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Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Mr. Paul Stookes, representing the communicants of communication ACCC/C/2008/23
Cultra Residents’ Association, the communicant of communication ACCC/C/2008/27
ClientEarth, communicant of ACCC/C/2008/33
Marine Conservation Society, communicant of ACCC/C/2008/33
Mr. Robert Latimer, communicant of communication ACCC/C/2008/33
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Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, observer
Friends of the Earth, observer
John Muir Trust, observer
Mr. Chris Murphy, observer
Greenpeace, observer

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