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Dear Ms. Barton,

**Re: Communications to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with provisions of the Convention in connection with the expansion of the Belfast City Airport and with the scope of judicial review, costs, timing and other issues  
(Ref. ACCC/C/2008/27 and ACCC/C/2008/33)**

Please find enclosed the draft findings of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee regarding communications ACCC/C/2008/27 and ACCC/C/2008/33. The Committee prepared draft findings in respect of these communications between its twenty-fifth meeting (Geneva, 22-25 September 2009) and twenty-eighth meeting (Geneva, 15-18 June 2010), completing the drafts through its electronic decision-making procedure.

The drafts are now being forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration and possible comments pursuant to paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/7. The Committee intends to finalize and adopt the findings at its twenty-ninth meeting (Geneva, 21-24 September 2010). Hence, we would be grateful if you would provide any comments by **22 September 2010**.

The texts have been drafted on the assumption that your Government agrees with the Committee making recommendations in accordance with paragraphs 36 (b) and 37 (b) of the annex to decision I/7. If this is not the case, please indicate this in your reply. The Committee considers that the making of recommendations directly to the Party concerned during the intersessional period, coupled with timely action by the Party to implement such recommendations, would enable the matters to be resolved in the most expeditious way, allowing the Committee's report to the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to concentrate more on progress achieved than on outstanding problems.

Should you have any questions with regard to the procedure, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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Enc Draft findings on communication ACCC/C/2008/27  
Draft findings on communication ACCC/C/2008/33