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Dear Ms. Barton,

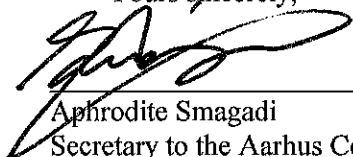
Re: Draft Report on Compliance by the United Kingdom with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention

At its thirty-first meeting (22-25 February 2011), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee reviewed the progress made by the United Kingdom during the current inter-sessional period with regard to the recommendations of the Committee to the Party concerned in communications ACCC/C/2008/23, ACCC/C/2008/27 and ACCC/C/2008/33. On the basis of the information available, the Committee prepared a draft report with revised recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties.

The draft is now being forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration and possible comments. You are invited to provide your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 March 2011. In your response, please also indicate whether you agree with the Committee's recommendations. Taking into account the comments received by the set date, the Committee, using its electronic decision-making procedure, will finalize and adopt its report and revised recommendations.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (public.participation@unece.org) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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