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Subject: Re: ACCC/C/2014/112 (Ireland) - Update from the Party concerned

Thank you very much in the Aarhus Convention Secretariat for forwarding this correspondence from the Party.

It's certainly news to me that it is "*not open to the Committee to seek to review (either in substance or procedurally) a decision of the Irish High Court*" or indeed equally the jurisprudence of any Party to the Convention. Since it was so central to proceedings at the last Meeting of the Parties in Budva, I know the Committee are fully aware of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties and its Article 27: Internal Law and Observance of Treaties "*A party may not invoke the provisions of its internal law as justification for its failure to perform a treaty*". However, just in case they were not aware, the UN Treaty records shows Ireland accession to this Vienna Convention on the 7th Aug 2006.

https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetailsIII.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XXIII-1&chapter=23&Temp=mtdsg3&clang=en

Regards

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