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Dear Sirs,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Ireland in connection with the implementation of the European Union's renewable energy programme in Ireland

At its forty-fifth meeting (Maastricht, 29 June – 2 July 2014), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee considered the preliminary admissibility of the communication submitted by you on 29 May 2014 on behalf of seven NGOs, namely Lakelands Wind Information Group, Rethink Pylons, Wind Aware Ireland, Kingscourt Residents Against Local Windfarms, Meath Wind Turbine Information Group, Environmental Action Alliance – Ireland and European Platform Against Wind Farms (Ireland). The communication alleged non-compliance with article 3, paragraph 1 and articles 4 to 9 of the Convention in connection with the implementation of the European Union's renewable energy programme in Ireland through the Irish National Renewable Energy Action Plan.

The Compliance Committee decided to defer its preliminary determination of admissibility in order to seek further clarification from the communicants on the following points:

- (i) Which of the allegations made in the communication relate to events which took place after the Convention entered into force for Ireland?
- (ii) To what extent have all available domestic remedies been used?

We would be very grateful to receive your responses to the above questions by **Friday, 12 September 2014**, in order that they may be considered by the Committee at its forty-sixth meeting (Geneva, 22-25 September 2014).

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

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee