

21 October 2022

Mr. Brendan Heneghan Ireland

Ms. Niamh O'Flaherty
Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
Ireland

Dear Mr. Heneghan, Dear Ms. O'Flaherty,

Re: Determination of inadmissibility of communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Ireland in connection with the development of bus corridors in Dublin (ACCC/C/2022/193)

On 13 May 2022, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received the above communication from Mr. Heneghan, addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Ireland with respect to public participation in the decision-making on the proposed development of bus corridors in the city of Dublin, in particular the Clongriffin bus corridor.

At its seventy-sixth meeting (13-16 September 2022), the Compliance Committee considered the preliminary admissibility of the communication. During the meeting the Committee heard the views of the communicant on the preliminary admissibility of the communication as well as those of the Party concerned. After considering in closed session the information received, the Committee noted that the decision-making procedure on the Clongriffin bus corridor has not yet concluded. For that reason, the Committee determined the communication to be inadmissible in accordance with paragraph 20 (d) of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention for not being compatible with decision I/7 or the Convention.

The text of decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties is available at: https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/documents/mop1/ece.mp.pp.2.add.8.e.pdf



If the communicant considers that the Committee's determination that the communication is inadmissible was based on a manifest error, he may request a reconsideration of the Committee's determination of admissibility. Any such request must be submitted to the secretariat, with a reasoning of no more than 1200 words (2 pages A4 size), no later than five weeks from today, i.e., Friday, 25 November 2022. Please note that a request for reconsideration is not an opportunity to provide information on either subsequent developments or evidence that could have been provided earlier.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Marshall

Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva