



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Compliance Committee,
Aarhus Convention Secretariat,
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Ireland in connection with the cost of access to justice (ACCC/C/2014/113)

3 April 2023

Dear Ms Marshall,

With reference to your correspondence of 20 March 2023, requesting the views of the Communicant and the Party Concerned in the above matter, it is our view that there is now no reason that the Committee should not resume its deliberations on its draft findings on communication ACCC/C/2014/113.

If the Committee decides to resume its deliberations in this matter, Ireland would like to seek leave from the Committee to make a short written submission, outlining the application by the courts of the S50B special costs regime, following the Supreme Court Judgement in *Heather Hill Management Company CLG v. An Bord Pleanála* [2022] IESC 43, as it pertains to certain aspects of the Communication.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brendan Keenan', is located below the 'Yours sincerely,' text.

Brendan Keenan

Aarhus Unit

Cc. Mr. Kieran Fitzpatrick

Ms. Attracta Uí Bhroin, Irish Environmental Network, observer

Mr. Colm McKenna, Irish Times, observer

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