16 May 2023

Dr. Fred Logue
Dublin
Ireland

Dear Dr. Logue,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Ireland in connection with its planning system (ACCC/C/2023/198)

On 3 February 2023, 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 Right to Know CLG and Uplift – A Power People Company addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Ireland with articles 3 (9), 5 (2), (2) (a), and (3) (d)), 6 (3), and 9 (4) of the Convention in connection with its planning system. The communication was submitted in accordance with the provisions of chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2023/198, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. All documentation relating to the communication is available on the Committee's website at: https://unece.org/env/pp/cc/communications-from-the-public.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its seventy-eighth meeting (Geneva, 21–24 March 2023), has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. A copy of the preliminary determination on admissibility is attached. Please note, however, that the Committee has not reached any conclusions with respect to the compliance issues referred to in the communication.

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

Yours sincerely,

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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
Mr. Brendan Keenan, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, Ireland

Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility