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Intervention from the floor by Christiana Mauro

We would like to take this opportunity to support the remarks of Ms. Ui Bhroin of the Irish Environmental Network. Ms. Ui Bhroin has raised a very important matter in the area of public participation in international forums: the fact that the International Atomic Energy Agency – a body that belongs to the family of the United Nations – has, as yet, no transparency policy, no policy for access to information or appeal mechanisms, and no policy or standard procedure for public participation.

As all of its policies, interventions, mission conclusions and endorsements of Member State decisions in the nuclear sector involve the matter of risk to the environment, we urge the Aarhus Convention Parties who are also Member States of the IAEA to make every effort to encourage formal progress in this regard.