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Palais des Nations, Room S 429-4  
CH-1211 GENEVA 10  
Switzerland

7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Re: ACCC/C/2015/129**

Dear Ms Marshall

I refer to the above matter and to the letter from the Communicants to the Committee dated 8th December 2016.

The Communicants in the opening paragraphs of their letter update the Committee on two matters. The first matter is that the Commissioner for Environmental Information has concluded his investigation and made a decision. The second matter is that the Communicants have brought Judicial Review proceedings against the Commissioner's decision and a hearing date for those proceeding is awaited.

We believe that the decision of the Commissioner for Environmental Information is relevant to this communication and accordingly we enclose a copy of that decision dated 2nd November 2015 which we have obtained from the website of the Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Information. Ireland is not a party to the Communicants' Judicial Review proceedings but we attach a printout from [www.courts.ie](http://www.courts.ie) which appears to indicate that the case has been assigned a hearing date of 3rd October 2017.

We note that the Committee's letter to the Communicants refers to the intention of the Committee to invite the State for its response to the Communicants' correspondence and we look forward to the opportunity to respond.

Yours faithfully,



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