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Ref: PRE/ACCC/C/2015/129

28 September 2016

Jim and Mary Redmond  
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Redmond,

**Re: Communication PRE/ACCC/C/2015/129 to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Ireland in connection with public participation in decision-making on the sale of forestry land**

I refer to the communication submitted by you to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee on 26 April 2015. The communication alleges non-compliance with articles 6, paragraphs 1(b) and 2 and articles 9, paragraph 4 and 5 of the Convention with respect to public participation in decision-making on the sale of forestry land.

As you may recall, at its fiftieth meeting (Geneva, 6–9 October 2015), the Compliance Committee determined that your communication was admissible on a preliminary basis and agreed to send questions to you for your reply prior to forwarding the communication to the Party concerned for its response. Following on from the above, the Committee has requested the secretariat to ask you to reply to the following questions:

1. Please explain how the decision to sell the Kilcooley Abbey Forestry may have a significant effect on the environment, pursuant to article 6, paragraph 1(b) of the Convention.

2. Please explain how the decision to change from public to private ownership of the Kilcooley Abbey Forestry may have a significant effect on the environment, pursuant to article 6, paragraph 1(b).

I would be grateful to receive your reply to the above questions by **Thursday, 20 October 2016**. Following the receipt of your reply to the above questions, the communication will be forwarded to the Party concerned for its response.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions regarding the above.

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  
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