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Ms. Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee
Palais des Nations, Room 429-4
CH-1211 GENEVA 10
Switzerland

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Your Ref: ACCC/C/2016/139

**Re: Communication concerning compliance by Ireland with articles 5 and 6 of
the Convention with respect to Dumping at Sea Permits (ACCC/C/2016/139)**

Dear Ms Marshall

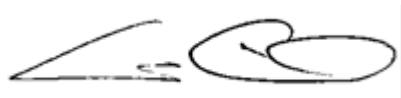
I refer to your letter dated 04th November 2018 to the Irish Underwater Council
requesting additional information in connection with the above communication.

I note that the ACCC deadline for the Irish Underwater Council for reply was the 17th
December 2018 and you also stated that "The Party concerned will thereafter have six
weeks from the date of your reply to provide any comments it wishes to make thereon."

As you are aware, the 6 week period included the Christmas and New Year holidays.
A number of staff directly involved in the case took annual leave prior to the holiday
season. A number of the parties central to preparing a response have not yet resumed
work duties.

Accordingly, I am seeking an extension to adequately prepare the State's response. In
that regard, a further two weeks for reply should be adequate. Should this be
acceptable, the proposed deadline would be 11th February, 2019.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin McCormick
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