

12 March 2018

Louise Gilligan
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Ireland

Dear Ms. Gilligan,

**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)**

At its fifty-ninth meeting (Geneva, 11-15 December 2017), the Committee noted that in its response of 5 May 2017 to the above communication, the Party concerned had challenged the admissibility of the communication. The Committee agreed to invite the communicant to comment on the Party's submissions on admissibility and to decide how to proceed in the light of the information received.

In the light of the above, I would be grateful to receive your comments on the submissions on admissibility made by the Party concerned at page 21 in its response by **3 April 2018**. The Committee will take into account the information received when deciding how to proceed with respect to the communication at its sixty-first meeting (Geneva, 2-6 July 2018).

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

Yours sincerely,



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
Ms. Aoife Joyce, Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment
Ms. Attracta Uí Bhroin, Environmental Pillar, Observer