

18 June 2019

Mr. Neil Foulkes  
Ireland

Dear Mr. Foulkes,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Ireland in relation to forestry activities (PRE/ACCC/C/2019/165)**

During the open session on preliminary admissibility held during its sixty-third meeting (Geneva, 11-15 March 2019), the Committee indicated that it would send questions for your reply in advance of the Committee's 64<sup>th</sup> meeting (Geneva, 1-5 July 2019). Please find enclosed the questions prepared by the Committee for your attention.

The Committee would be very grateful to receive your brief replies to the enclosed questions on or before **Friday, 28 June 2019**. Please send your reply to [aarhus.compliance@unece.org](mailto:aarhus.compliance@unece.org), copying the Party concerned.

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

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Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations and other international organizations at  
Geneva

Enc: Questions from the Committee to the communicant

**Questions from the Committee to the communicant:**

1. Please list the specific activities you refer to in your communication as “forestry activities”.
2. The communication refers, in various places, to Ireland’s procedures for notification regarding screening of forestry activities, scoping, applications for licences for forestry activities and notification of the final decision itself. In the light of the above, please clarify which of the following your communication actually alleges to be in non-compliance with the requirements of article 6 of the Convention:
  - (a) Notification of applications for authorization for forestry activities; and/or
  - (b) Notification regarding EIA screening procedures for forestry activities; and/or
  - (c) Notification regarding EIA scoping procedures; and/or
  - (d) Notification of the final decision on forestry activities, and the right to appeal.
3. Which, if any, of the applications or decisions on forestry activities referred to in your communication and supporting documentation were subject to an environmental impact assessment and/or appropriate assessment? Please list each such application or decision, including the pages of your communication on which each such application or decision is mentioned.
4. In your statement regarding preliminary admissibility of 7 March 2019, you state that you do not have the financial resources to bring legal proceedings. What complaints, if any, have you made to the Irish Ombudsman or other review body regarding the issues raised in your communication?

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