

3 July 2019

Aoife Joyce
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Wexford, Ireland

Dear Ms. Joyce,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Ireland with provisions of the Convention on public participation in decision-making in relation to the extension of a quarry licence (ACCC/C/2013/107)

I write to inform you that on 26 June 2019, the Compliance Committee agreed its draft findings regarding communication ACCC/C/2013/107 through its electronic decision-making procedure.

The draft findings are now forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration and possible comments pursuant to paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/7. We would be grateful if you would provide any comments by **Wednesday, 14 August 2019**. In finalizing the findings, the Committee will take into account any comments you submit on the draft findings by the set deadline.

The text has been drafted on the assumption that your Government agrees with the Committee making recommendations in accordance with paragraph 36(b) of the annex to decision I/7. If this is not the case, please indicate this in your reply. Given the lengthy timeframe until the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties, the Committee considers that the making of recommendations directly to the Party concerned, coupled with timely action by the Party to implement such recommendations, would enable the matters to be resolved in the most expeditious way.

Finally, I can inform you that, in response to the request by the Party concerned in its letter of 28 November 2016, the Committee instructed the secretariat to remove from the Committee's website a marked-up Bill of Costs provided by the communicant on 18 November 2016. Since the Bill of Costs was not relevant to this particular case and was therefore not taken into account by the Committee, the Committee has decided that the Bill of Costs should remain off the website permanently in accordance with paragraph 25 of the Guide to the Compliance Committee.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

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
Mr. Kieran Cummins, communicant of communication ACCC/C/2013/107
Environmental Pillar, observer
- Enc: Draft findings for the parties' comments