

22 March 2019

Mr. Fred Logue
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Dear Mr. Logue,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Ireland with regard to disclosure of sensitive environmental information (ACCC/C/2019/164)

On 25 January 2019, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received from you representing the Irish Raptor Study Group the above communication addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by Ireland with articles 3(1), 5(10), 6(6) and (7) and 9(2) and (3) of the Convention in relation to disclosure of sensitive environmental information and access to justice to challenge the publication of such information. The communication was submitted in accordance with the provisions of chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2019/164, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. All documentation relating to the communication is available on the Committee's web site at: <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/cc/com.html>.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its sixty-third meeting (Geneva, 11-15 March 2019), has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. A copy of the preliminary determination on admissibility is attached. Please note, however, that the Committee has not reached any conclusions with respect to the compliance issues referred to in the communication.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

- Cc: Ms. Aoife Joyce, national focal point for the Aarhus Convention, Ireland
Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations
in Geneva
- Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility