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Ms Susanne Achberger Permanent Representation of the Republic of Austria to the EU Avenue de Cortenbergh 30 B-1040 Brussels

Dear Ms Achberger,

Article 4(4) of the Renewable Energy Directive¹ provides that a Member State whose share of energy from renewable sources fell below the indicative trajectory in the immediately preceding two-year period set out in part B of Annex I, shall submit an amended National Renewable Energy Action Plan (NREAP) to the Commission by 30 June of the following year. The plan shall set out adequate and proportionate measures to rejoin the indicative trajectory within a reasonable timetable.

In relation to the preparation of the amended NREAP, should such need arise for Austria, I would like to remind you of the provisions on public participation contained in the Aarhus Convention, to which Austria is a signatory state as of 25 June 1998. I particularly refer to Articles 7 and 3(1). In this context, I would like to draw your attention to the findings and recommendations of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (ACCC) concerning compliance by the European Union with provisions of the Convention in connection with the Irish National Renewable Energy Action Plan – case ACCC/C/2010/54².

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Yours sincerely,

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Ms Maria-Antoinetta Simons Ms Claire Pécheux Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU Rue de la Loi 61-63 B-1040 Brussels

Dear Ms Simons, Dear Ms Pécheux,

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Mr Henri Donchev Mr Stanislav Stefanov Permanent Representation of Bulgaria to the EU Square Marie-Louise 49 B-1000 Brussels

Dear Mr Donchev, Dear Mr Stefanov,

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Mr Christos Gogakis Mr Leoni Theodoridou Permanent Representation of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU Avenue de Cortenbergh 61 B-1000 Brussels

Dear Ms Theodoridou, Dear Mr Gogakis,

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Ms Jana Piecha Mr David Schreib Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU Rue Caroly 15 B-1050 Brussels

Dear Ms Piecha, Dear Mr Schreib,

Article 4(4) of the Renewable Energy Directive¹ provides that a Member State whose share of energy from renewable sources fell below the indicative trajectory in the immediately preceding two-year period set out in part B of Annex I, shall submit an amended National Renewable Energy Action Plan (NREAP) to the Commission by 30 June of the following year. The plan shall set out adequate and proportionate measures to rejoin the indicative trajectory within a reasonable timetable.

In relation to the preparation of the amended NREAP, should such need arise for the Czech Republic, I would like to remind you of the provisions on public participation contained in the Aarhus Convention, to which the Czech Republic is a signatory state as of 25 June 1998. I particularly refer to Articles 7 and 3(1). In this context, I would like to draw your attention to the findings and recommendations of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (ACCC) concerning compliance by the European Union with provisions of the Convention in connection with the Irish National Renewable Energy Action Plan – case ACCC/C/2010/54².

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Ms Laura Hviid Arildsbo Permanent Representation of Denmark to the EU Rue d'Arlon 73 B-1040 Brussels

Dear Ms Arildsbo,

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Mr Ando Moldre Permanent Representation of Estonia to the EU Rue Guimard 11/13 B-1040 Brussels

Dear Mr Moldre,

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In relation to the preparation of the amended NREAP, should such need arise for Estonia, I would like to remind you of the provisions on public participation contained in the Aarhus Convention, to which Estonia is a ratifying state as of 02 August 2001. I particularly refer to Articles 7 and 3(1). In this context, I would like to draw your attention to the findings and recommendations of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (ACCC) concerning compliance by the European Union with provisions of the Convention in connection with the Irish National Renewable Energy Action Plan – case ACCC/C/2010/54².

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Mr Kim Fyhr Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU Rue de Trèves 100 B-1040 Brussels

Dear Mr Kim Fyhr,

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Mr Antonin Ferri Ms Hélène Chauveau Permanent Representation of France to the EU Place de Louvain 14 B-1000 Brussels

Dear Mr Ferri, Dear Ms Chauveau,

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Ms Gerlind Ahrens
Ms Hanna Goeters
Permanent Representation of the
Federal Republic of Germany to the
EU
Rue Jacques De Lalaing 8-14
B-1040 Brussels

Dear Ms Ahrens, Dear Ms Goeters,

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In relation to the preparation of the amended NREAP, should such need arise for Germany, I would like to remind you of the provisions on public participation contained in the Aarhus Convention, to which Germany is a signatory state as of 21 December 1998. I particularly refer to Articles 7 and 3(1). In this context, I would like to draw your attention to the findings and recommendations of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (ACCC) concerning compliance by the European Union with provisions of the Convention in connection with the Irish National Renewable Energy Action Plan – case ACCC/C/2010/54².

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Ms Angeliki Boura Mr Theodoros Christopoulos Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU Rue Jacques de Lalaing 19-21 B-1040 Brussels

Dear Ms Boura,
Dear Mr Christopoulos,

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Ms Marianna Jakab Mr Andras Rozmer Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU Rue de Trèves 92-98 B-1040 Brussels

Dear Ms Jakab,

Dear Mr Rozmer,

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In relation to the preparation of the amended NREAP, should such need arise for Hungary, I would like to remind you of the provisions on public participation contained in the Aarhus Convention, to which Hungary is a signatory state as of 18 December 1998. I particularly refer to Articles 7 and 3(1). In this context, I would like to draw your attention to the findings and recommendations of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (ACCC) concerning compliance by the European Union with provisions of the Convention in connection with the Irish National Renewable Energy Action Plan – case ACCC/C/2010/54².

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Mr Michael Goodwin Energy attaché Permanent Representation Ireland to the EU Rue Froissart 50 B-1040 Brussels

Dear Mr Goodwin,

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Given the findings and recommendations of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (ACCC) in case ACCC/C/2010/54² where both Ireland and the European Union were held responsible for not properly implementing the Convention's provisions on public consultation (particularly Articles 3(1) and 7), I would like to remind you to ensure that, should the preparation of an amended NREAP becomes necessary for Ireland, the said rules on public consultations will be thoroughly observed.

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Mr Daniel Badman Ms Johanna Nylander Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU Square de Meeûs 30 B-1000 Brussels

Dear Mr Badman, Dear Ms Nylander,

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Ms Sophie Westlake
Permanent Representation of the
United Kingdom to the EU
Avenue d'Auderghem 10
B-1040 Brussels

Dear Ms Westlake,

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In relation to the preparation of the amended NREAP, should such need arise for the United Kingdom, I would like to remind you of the provisions on public participation contained in the Aarhus Convention, to which the United Kingdom is a signatory state as of 25 June 1998. I particularly refer to Articles 7 and 3(1). In this context, I would like to draw your attention to the findings and recommendations of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (ACCC) concerning compliance by the European Union with provisions of the Convention in connection with the Irish National Renewable Energy Action Plan – case ACCC/C/2010/54².

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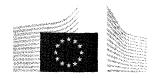
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Joseph Gene PETRIC
Second Secretary
Mission of the Republic of Croatia
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Avenue des Arts 50
B-1000 Brussels

Dear Mr Petric,

Following Croatia's accession to the European Union on 1 July 2013, all obligations stemming from the EU acquis on renewable energy sources have entered into force. I am taking this opportunity to recall the reporting requirements that occur in the coming months regarding renewable energy policy.

First, Article 4(1) of Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources¹ requires Member States to prepare and submit to the Commission a National Renewable Energy Action Plan (NREAP); Croatia's NREAP was due on the date of accession. The Commission has elaborated a mandatory template (C(2009)5174-1)² in order to facilitate Member States' preparation of the plan.

In relation to the preparation of the Croatian NREAP, I would like to remind you of the provisions on public participation contained in the Aarhus Convention, to which Croatia is a signatory state as of 27 March 2007. I particularly refer to Articles 7 and 3(1). In this context, I would like to draw your attention to the findings and recommendations of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (ACCC) concerning compliance by the European Union with provisions of the Convention in connection with the Irish National Renewable Energy Action Plan – case ACCC/C/2010/54³.

The second reporting requirement is set out in Article 22(1). It concerns the biennial Member States' reports on the progress in the promotion and use of energy from renewable sources, due on 31 December 2013. In this respect, we prepared a template available on our website⁴ which will shortly be available in Croatian too.

¹ OJ L 140, 5.6.2009

² Available here http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32009D0548:EN:NOT

³ Available here http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/compliance/C2010-54/Findings/C54 EU Findings.pdf

⁴ http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/reports/2011_en.htm

I trust we can count on your excellent cooperation on these important matters including the submission of the documents in accordance with the timetable indicated in the Directive. For any other information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Adina Georgescu (adina.georgescu@ec.europa.eu, phone 02/29 97663), desk officer for Croatia in my unit.

Yours sincerely

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