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Dear Mr. Konrad and Ms. Wiedner,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the European Union with provisions of the Convention in connection with the renewable energy programme in Ireland (Ref. ACCC/C/2010/54)

At its forty-second meeting (24-27 September 2013), the Compliance Committee commenced preparation of its draft report to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties on how the Party concerned had addressed the Committee's recommendations in the findings concerning communication ACCC/C/2010/54 adopted at the Committee's thirty-seventh session (26-29 June 2012).

By letter of 15 July 2013, the Party concerned had been invited to report on how it had addressed those findings. The Party concerned responded by the requested deadline of 1 August 2013 and the communicant provided his comments on the Party's response on 23 August 2013. Both the Party concerned's response and the communicant's comments were considered by the Committee in the preparation of its draft report.

Following its deliberations, the Committee agreed to send the draft report, attached, to the parties for their comments prior to the Committee's forty-third meeting (17-20 December 2013) and to take into account any comments received on the draft report at that meeting, before finalizing the report at that meeting for submission to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties. You are invited to provide your comments on the draft report by **9 December 2013**.

The advance unedited copy of the report of the forty-second meeting, including information on the discussion concerning the above communication, will shortly be accessible at the following link <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ccMeetings.htm>. Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Marshall'.

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

cc: Permanent Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations Office and other international organizations
in Geneva
Mr. Pat Swords, Ireland

Enc: Report of the Compliance Committee concerning communication ACCC/C/2010/54