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Launch of Public Consultation for Ireland's second Aarhus Convention National Implementation Report 2017

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A Chara,

The Minister Denis Naughten T.D., Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, has launched the public consultation for Ireland's second National Implementation Report under the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, known as the Aarhus Convention.

Notice of Public Consultation

The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment would encourage your organisation to partake in the public consultation process on the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Ireland. This process will result in the development of Ireland's second National Implementation Report 2017.

The Aarhus Convention lays down a set of basic rules to promote citizen's involvement in environmental matters and improve enforcement of environmental law. Its provisions are broken down into three Pillars: Access to Information on the Environment, Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making and Access to Justice. Ireland ratified the Aarhus Convention on 20th June 2012.

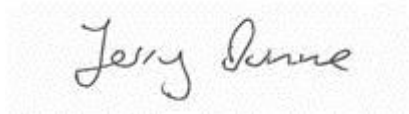
The Department has updated the first National Implementation Report which outlines the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Ireland. In order to advance the completion of this report, comments are invited from stakeholders, members of the public and other interested parties. The updated report on which comments are sought and further information on the public participation procedure surrounding Ireland's National Implementation Report is available at <http://www.dccae.gov.ie/news-and-media/en-ie/Pages/Consultation/Implementation-of-the-UNECE-Aarhus-Convention-.aspx#>.

The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment invites you to further disseminate information about this public consultation process. The Department accordingly requests that you promote this public consultation through your organisation's website and social

media forums, where possible, by announcing that the public consultation is now open and further information can be found the on DCCAE website at <http://www.dccae.gov.ie/news-and-media/en-ie/Pages/Consultation/Implementation-of-the-UNECE-Aarhus-Convention-.aspx#>.

If you have any queries please email ACConsultation@dccae.gov.ie.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Dunne". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

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