EN E-005651/2012 Answer given by M. Potočnik on behalf of the Commission (5.7.2012)

The Commission is aware of the draft findings of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (ACCC) 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).

These findings are still provisional; they do not constitute the final findings of the ACCC, let alone have the Parties to the Aarhus Convention endorsed them. The Commission has provided the ACCC with comments and further information which might lead the ACCC to reassess the case.¹ It is therefore premature to indicate any consequences of the draft findings.

The Commission's comments on the draft findings of the ACCC are available at http://www.unece.org/env/pp/compliance/Compliancecommittee/54TableEU.html