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Answer given by Mr Potočník
on behalf of the Commission
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The Commission has taken due note of 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 renewable energy programme in Ireland¹.

These findings constitute the final findings of the ACCC, but they have not been endorsed by the Parties to the Aarhus Convention yet.

The ACCC's final findings recommend "clear instructions" for implementing Article 7 of the Aarhus Convention.

The Commission intends to issue such clear instructions to Member States should it request them to submit an amended National Renewable Energy Action Plan². In the same way, the Commission will make Croatia aware of these requirements as regards its obligation to submit a National Renewable Energy Action Plan following its accession to the EU as of 1 July 2013.

¹ Ref. ACCC/C/2010/54

² As provided by Article 4(4) of Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, OJ L 140, 5.6.2009