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Dear Mr Are-Jostein Norheim,

As you are aware, in August 2008 a specific instance was lodged on behalf of the community group Pobal Chill Chomain with the Irish and Dutch National Contact Points against Royal Dutch Shell, Statoil and Marathon Oil Corporation for violations of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Companies in relation to the Corrib Gas Project in County Mayo on the west coast of Ireland. (see attached file)

On January 23rd 2009, aware that a question of parallel proceedings pending in Ireland was likely to arise, a legal report was submitted to the relevant NCPs on that matter. We would now like to reiterate the fact that an effective right of access to the National Contact Points by the interested parties must be provided for by all NCPs concerned. (see attached file)

On February 19th, the Irish NCP, being the leading NCP in this specific instance, in cooperation with the Dutch NCP, declared the specific instance admissible and has offered a mediation process. (see attached file)

We are aware that a full collaboration between all NCPs would help with the process of resolving this matter. So we are writing to you again to request the Norwegian NCP to formally reply to the submission and to fully cooperate in this procedure.

Yours faithfully,

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