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From:	Mr. Tom Hanney, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union
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To:	General Secretariat of the Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on protecting persons who engage in public participation from manifestly unfounded or abusive court proceedings (“Strategic lawsuits against public participation”) - Opt-in by Ireland

Delegations will find attached a letter from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the Council of the European Union in relation to the above subject.

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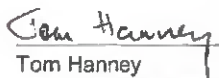
Dear President,

I refer to the provisions of Protocol No. 21 to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice) and, in particular, Article 3.1 thereof, under which Ireland may notify the President of the Council in writing, within three months after a proposal or initiative has been presented to the Council pursuant to Title V of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, that it wishes to take part in the adoption and application of any such proposed measure.

In that context, I wish to notify you that Ireland wishes to take part in the adoption and application of the following proposed measure;

Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on protecting persons who engage in public participation from manifestly unfounded or abusive court proceedings ("Strategic lawsuits against public participation")

Yours sincerely,



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