PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION

DISPUTE CONCERNING ACCESS TO INFORMATION UNDER ARTICLE 9 OF THE OSPAR CONVENTION

IRELAND v. UNITED KINGDOM

DECISION Nº 5 24 JANUARY 2003

TRIBUNAL REQUEST FOR PARTY VIEWS

The third category of Article 9(2) of the OSPAR Convention refers to "any available information ... on activities or measures introduced in accordance with the Convention." In their submissions, the Parties did not examine the potential relevance, if any, of this category of Article 9(2) to the question of the scope of Article 9. Without prejudice to its final decision on this matter, the Tribunal would appreciate the views of the Parties on this question, to be delivered not later than 21 February 2003.

24 January 2003

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