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- I, DENIS NAUGHTEN, Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972) and for the purpose of giving further effect to Directive 2003/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2003<sup>1</sup>, hereby make the following regulations:
- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) (Amendment) Regulations 2018.
- 2. Article 3 of the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 133 of 2007) is amended by the substitution of the following sub-article for sub-article (2):
  - "(2) Notwithstanding anything in sub-article (1), in these Regulations "public authority" does not include—
    - (a) the President,
    - (b) the Office of the Secretary General to the President,
    - (c) the Council of State,
    - (d) any Commission for the time being lawfully exercising the powers and performing the duties of the President, or
    - (e) any body when acting in a judicial or legislative capacity.".



GIVEN under my Official Seal, 27 July 2018.

### DENIS NAUGHTEN,

Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

<sup>1</sup>OJ No. L.41, 14.02.2003, p. 26.

Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in "Iris Oifigiúil" of 3rd August, 2018.

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

The purpose of these Regulations is to amend the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to clarify the status of certain offices.

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