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Bill

entitled

An Act to give further effect to Directive (EU) 2024/1069[1] of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 on protecting persons who engage in public participation from manifestly unfounded claims or abusive court proceedings ('Strategic lawsuits against public participation'); to apply the provisions to domestic cases; for those purposes to amend the Defamation Act 2009; to repeal sections 19 and 20 of the Defamation (Amendment) Act 2026; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

PART 1

Preliminary and General

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation Act 2026.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on such day or days as the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration may by order or orders appoint either generally or with reference to any particular purpose or provision and different days may be so appointed for different purposes or different provisions.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"abusive court proceedings against public participation" means proceedings or part thereof that pursue unfounded claims and that are not brought to genuinely assert or exercise a right, but that have as their main purpose the prevention, restriction or penalisation of public participation, frequently exploiting an imbalance of power between the parties, including but not limited to—

(a) where a claim is of a disproportionate, excessive or unreasonable nature, including an excessive dispute value,

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(b) the existence of multiple proceedings initiated by the plaintiff or associated parties in relation to similar matters,

(c) intimidation, harassment or threats on the part of the plaintiff or his or her representatives, before or during the proceedings, as well as similar conduct by the plaintiff in similar or concurrent cases, or

(d) the use in bad faith of procedural tactics, such as delaying proceedings, fraudulent or abusive forum shopping or the discontinuation of cases at a later stage of the proceedings in bad faith;

"Act of 2009" means the Defamation Act 2009;

"claim" includes part of a claim;

"defendant" means, in relation to proceedings, the person (howsoever described in the proceedings) against whom the proceedings are taken;

"Directive (EU) 2024/1069" means Directive (EU) 2024/1069 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024[2] on protecting persons who engage in public participation from manifestly unfounded claims or abusive court proceedings ('Strategic lawsuits against public participation');

"matter of public interest" means any matter that affects the public to such an extent that the public may legitimately take an interest in it, in areas such as—

(a) fundamental rights, public health, safety, the environment or the climate,

(b) activities of a person who is a public figure in the public or private sector, having regard to the right to privacy of an individual,

(c) matters under consideration by a legislative, executive, or judicial body, or any other official proceedings,

(d) allegations of corruption, fraud, or of any other criminal offence, or of administrative offences in a place other than the State, in relation to such matters, or

(e) activities aimed at protecting the values enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, including the protection of democratic processes against undue interference, in particular against disinformation;

"plaintiff" means, in relation to proceedings, the person (howsoever described in the proceedings) who initiates the proceedings;

"proceedings" means court proceedings of a civil or commercial nature, and includes any cause, action, suit or matter in any court other than criminal, revenue, customs or administrative matters, defamation proceedings within the meaning of Part 4A of the Defamation Act 2009, or matters relating to the liability of the State for acts and omissions in the exercise of State authority;

"public participation" means the making of any statement or the carrying out of any activity by a person in the exercise of the right to freedom of expression and information, freedom of the arts and sciences, or freedom of assembly and association, and any preparatory, supporting or assisting action directly linked thereto, and which concerns a

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matter of public interest;

"third country" means a country that is not a member state of the European Union.

Repeals

3. Sections 19 and 20 of the Defamation (Amendment) Act 2026 are repealed.

PART 2

TRANSPOSITION OF DIRECTIVE (EU) 2024/1069 RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS AND APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS TO DOMESTIC PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings to which Part applies

4. This Part applies to proceedings brought against a person on account of his or her engagement in public participation.

Information to be given to court

5. Where proceedings have been initiated against a defendant and he or she is of the view that they have been initiated on account of his or her engagement in public participation, the defendant shall so inform the court.

Appointment of person or body with legitimate interest to make submissions and assist defendant

6. A court seised of proceedings brought against a defendant on account of his or her engagement in public participation may, in its discretion, following a request by the defendant, person or body concerned, permit a person or body with a legitimate interest in safeguarding or promoting the rights of persons engaging in public participation—

(a) to make written and oral submissions to the court including through the provision of information regarding an issue or issues before the court in which the person or body has a *bona fide* interest, and

(b) to provide assistance to the defendant (other than by providing funding for the proceedings).

Security for costs and security for damages

7. (1) In proceedings brought against a defendant on account of his or her engagement in public participation, a court may, on application by the defendant, require the plaintiff to provide security for the defendant's costs and security for any damages claimed by the defendant, if the court is satisfied that the defendant has established a *prima facie* case that the proceedings are abusive court proceedings against public participation, and that it is in the interests of justice to do so having regard to the circumstances of the case, including—

(a) whether the provision of security to the defendant would be unduly burdensome or prejudicial to the plaintiff in the prosecution of his or her claim and the assertion of his or her rights,

(b) the likely impact on the defendant's ability to defend the claim if security for costs or security for any damages, or both, is not granted,

(c) the economic situation of the parties,

(d) the conduct of the proceedings by the parties, and

(e) any substantial difficulty that may arise in enforcing an order for costs or damages.

(2) Where the court requires the plaintiff to provide security for costs or security for damages or both, the amount of such security shall be determined by the court in the interests of justice having regard to the circumstances in *subsection (1)*.

(3) In determining an application brought under this section, or where an appeal is brought against the determination of an application made under this section in determining that appeal, the court concerned shall act as expeditiously as possible consistent with the administration of justice.

Application to strike out claim and appeal

8. (1) Where a defendant in proceedings brought on account of his or her engagement in public participation makes an application to the court, in accordance with law, to strike out the claim as being manifestly unfounded—

(a) the court shall, in determining the application, and

(b) where an appeal is brought against the determination of the application, the court that hears and determines the appeal shall,

act as expeditiously as possible consistent with the administration of justice.

(2) Following an application by the defendant referred to in *subsection (1)*, it shall be for the plaintiff to substantiate his or her claim in order to enable the court to assess whether it is manifestly unfounded.

(3) In this section, "manifestly unfounded", in relation to a claim, includes where—

(a) the indorsement or pleading—

(i) is unnecessary,

(ii) is an abuse of the process of the court, or

(iii) in the case of an interim or interlocutory application, may unreasonably prejudice or delay the fair trial of the action,

or

(b) the claim—

(i) discloses no reasonable cause of action,

(ii) amounts to an abuse of the process of the court,

(iii) is bound to fail, or

(iv) has no reasonable chance of succeeding.

Application for declaration where application made to strike out claim and costs

9. (1) Where a defendant in proceedings brought on account of his or her engagement in public participation makes an application referred to in *section 8(1)*, he or she may also make an application, on notice to the plaintiff in those proceedings, for a declaration by the court that the proceedings or part thereof amount to abusive court proceedings against public participation.

(2) Where a court makes a declaration under *subsection (1)* that the proceedings or part thereof amount to abusive court proceedings against public participation, the court shall—

(a) insofar as it considers appropriate, take the declaration into account when making an award of costs or any other order providing for the payment of costs and may, if it thinks fit, order the costs to be paid as between legal practitioner and client or on a legal practitioner and own client basis, and

(b) when making an award or order referred to in *paragraph (a)*, act as expeditiously as possible consistent with the administration of justice.

Application for declaration before, during or at conclusion of trial of action and costs

10. (1) In proceedings against a defendant brought on account of his or her engagement in public participation, he or she may, before, during or at the conclusion of the trial of the action, make an application, on notice to the plaintiff in those proceedings, for a declaration by the court that the proceedings or part thereof amount to abusive court proceedings against public participation.

(2) Where the court makes a declaration under *subsection (1)* that the proceedings or part thereof amount to abusive court proceedings against public participation, the court shall—

(a) insofar as it considers appropriate, take the declaration into account when making an award of costs or any other order providing for the payment of costs and may, if it thinks fit, order the costs to be paid as between legal practitioner and client or on a legal practitioner and own client basis, and

(b) when making an award or order referred to in *paragraph (a)*, act as expeditiously as possible consistent with the administration of justice.

Order for damages in case of declaration

11. (1) Where—

(a) the court makes a declaration under *section 9* or *10* that the proceedings concerned or part thereof amount to abusive court proceedings against public participation (in this section referred to as the "declaration"), and

(b) the defendant in those proceedings (in this section referred to as the "defendant") makes an application to the court, whether before or after the making of the

declaration, on notice to the plaintiff in those proceedings (in this section referred to as the "plaintiff"), for an order for the payment of damages by the plaintiff to the defendant under this section,

the court may, in addition to the making of the declaration and in its absolute discretion, order the plaintiff to pay damages to the defendant as a result of injury, loss or damage suffered by the defendant consequent upon the bringing of the proceedings or part thereof the subject of the declaration.

(2) In deciding whether to make an order under *subsection (1)*, and, where applicable, in determining the amount of any damages to be paid, the court shall have regard to all of the circumstances of the case and the interests of justice, and may take into account the following matters as it considers appropriate:

(a) the nature of the public participation concerned;

(b) the purpose or purposes for which the proceedings or part thereof the subject of the declaration (in this subsection referred to as the "proceedings") were brought relating to the defendant's engagement in public participation;

(c) the conduct of the proceedings;

(d) any other factors leading to the making of the declaration;

(e) whether the declaration has been made under *section 9* or *10*;

(f) whether the declaration relates to all or part of the proceedings;

(g) the injury, loss or damage suffered by the defendant as a result of the bringing of the proceedings (including, where appropriate, the threat of such proceedings) and any mitigating factors.

(3) Where an application for an order for the payment of damages is made under *subsection (1)(b)*—

(a) the plaintiff and the defendant may make submissions to the court and adduce evidence, and

(b) the court may direct that evidence be given,

in relation to the application.

(4) Where the court makes an order under *subsection (1)*, the court may, if it considers it appropriate to do so, apply the provisions of *section 9(2)* or *10(2)*, as the case may be, to costs incurred as a result of an application made by the defendant under *subsection (1)(b)*.

(5) The damages recoverable under this section in the Circuit Court shall not exceed the amount standing prescribed, for the time being by law, as the higher of any limit of that Court's jurisdiction in tort.

(6) The damages recoverable under this section in the District Court shall not exceed the amount standing prescribed, for the time being by law, as the limit of that Court's jurisdiction in tort.

(7) The Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act 2003 shall not apply in relation to an application under *subsection (1)(b)*.

Publication of certain judgments and court orders

12. Where a court finds in the course of proceedings that the proceedings are abusive court proceedings against public participation, the court shall direct that any written judgment of the court or, in the absence of a written judgment of the court, any order of the court, related to that finding, shall be published on the website of the Courts Service where practicable and as soon as so practicable.

Refusal by court to recognise or enforce certain third country judgments

13. (1) A court shall not recognise or enforce a judgment as being contrary to public policy in proceedings initiated in a third country that would have been considered abusive court proceedings against public participation, or manifestly unfounded within the meaning of *section 8*, had they been initiated in the State.

(2) This section shall not affect the application of any bilateral or multilateral agreement between the State and a third country concluded before 6 May 2024.

Redress for abusive court proceedings against public participation in third country

14. (1) Where proceedings are brought by a plaintiff domiciled in a third country before a court or tribunal of a third country against a defendant domiciled in the State on account of the defendant's engagement in public participation, the defendant may make an application, on notice to the plaintiff, for a declaration by a court in the State that the proceedings or part thereof amount to abusive court proceedings against public participation.

(2) When applying for a declaration under *subsection (1)*, the defendant may make an application for compensation in respect of the damage and costs incurred in connection with the third country proceedings and the court in the State may make an order awarding the defendant compensation in respect of the damage and costs.

(3) A court, when considering an application under *subsection (1)* may, upon application or of its own motion, stay the proceedings before it where the proceedings before the court or tribunal of the third country are not concluded.

(4) This section shall not affect the application of any bilateral or multilateral agreement between the State and a third country concluded before 6 May 2024.

PART 3

AMENDMENT OF ACT OF 2009

Insertion of Part 4A into Act of 2009

15. The Act of 2009 is amended by the insertion of the following Part after Part 4:

"PART 4A

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS REGARDING DEFAMATION PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT ON ACCOUNT OF ENGAGEMENT IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Interpretation (Part 4A)

34A. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires—

'abusive court proceedings against public participation' means defamation proceedings or part thereof that pursue unfounded claims and that are not brought to genuinely assert or exercise a right, but that have as their main purpose the prevention, restriction or penalisation of public participation, frequently exploiting an imbalance of power between the parties, including but not limited to—

(a) where a claim is of a disproportionate, excessive or unreasonable nature, including an excessive dispute value,

(b) the existence of multiple proceedings initiated by the plaintiff or associated parties in relation to similar matters,

(c) intimidation, harassment or threats on the part of the plaintiff or his or her representatives, before or during the proceedings, as well as similar conduct by the plaintiff in similar or concurrent cases, or

(d) the use in bad faith of procedural tactics, such as delaying proceedings, fraudulent or abusive forum shopping or the discontinuation of cases at a later stage of the proceedings in bad faith;

'claim' includes part of a claim;

'defamation proceedings' means—

(a) an application under section 33 for an order to prevent the publication of an alleged defamatory statement,

(b) a defamation action, or

(c) a claim for other relief under this Act in respect of an alleged defamatory statement,

whether brought as a claim or a counter-claim;

'defendant' means, in relation to proceedings, the person (howsoever described in the proceedings) against whom the proceedings are taken;

'Directive (EU) 2024/1069' means Directive (EU) 2024/1069 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024[3] on protecting persons who engage in public participation from manifestly unfounded claims or abusive court proceedings ('Strategic lawsuits against public participation');

'matter of public interest' means any matter that affects the public to such an extent that the public may legitimately take an interest in it, in areas such as—

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(a) fundamental rights, public health, safety, the environment or the climate,

(b) activities of a person who is a public figure in the public or private sector, having regard to the right to privacy of an individual,

(c) matters under consideration by a legislative, executive, or judicial body, or any other official proceedings,

(d) allegations of corruption, fraud, or of any other criminal offence, or, where relevant to defamation proceedings coming within the scope of Directive (EU) 2024/1069, of administrative offences in a place other than the State, in relation to such matters, or

(e) activities aimed at protecting the values enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, including the protection of democratic processes against undue interference, in particular against disinformation;

'plaintiff' means, in relation to proceedings, the person (howsoever described in the proceedings) who initiates the proceedings;

'public participation' means the making of any statement or the carrying out of any activity by a person in the exercise of the right to freedom of expression and information, freedom of the arts and sciences, or freedom of assembly and association, and any preparatory, supporting or assisting action directly linked thereto, and which concerns a matter of public interest;

'third country' means a country that is not a member state of the European Union.

Defamation proceedings to which Part applies

34B. This Part applies to defamation proceedings brought against a person on account of his or her engagement in public participation, including those falling within the scope of Article 2 of Directive (EU) 2024/1069.

Information to be given to court

34C. Where defamation proceedings have been initiated against a defendant and he or she is of the view that they have been initiated on account of his or her engagement in public participation, the defendant shall so inform the court.

Appointment of person or body with legitimate interest to make submissions and assist defendant

34CA. A court seised of defamation proceedings brought against a defendant on account of his or her engagement in public participation may, in its discretion, following a request by the defendant, person or body concerned, permit a person or body with a legitimate interest in safeguarding or promoting the rights of persons engaging in public participation—

(a) to make written and oral submissions to the court including through the provision of information regarding an issue or issues before the court in which the person or body has a *bona fide* interest, and

(b) to provide assistance to the defendant (other than by providing funding for the proceedings).

Security for costs and security for damages

34D. (1) In defamation proceedings brought against a defendant on account of his or her engagement in public participation, a court may, on application by the defendant, require the plaintiff to provide security for the defendant's costs and security for any damages claimed by the defendant, if the court is satisfied that the defendant has established a *prima facie* case that the defamation proceedings are abusive court proceedings against public participation, and that it is in the interests of justice to do so having regard to the circumstances of the case, including—

(a) whether the provision of security to the defendant would be unduly burdensome or prejudicial to the plaintiff in the prosecution of his or her claim and the assertion of his or her rights,

(b) the likely impact on the defendant's ability to defend the claim if security for costs or security for any damages, or both, is not granted,

(c) the economic situation of the parties,

(d) the conduct of the proceedings by the parties, and

(e) any substantial difficulty that may arise in enforcing an order for costs or damages.

(2) Where the court requires the plaintiff to provide security for costs or security for damages or both, the amount of such security shall be determined by the court in the interests of justice having regard to the circumstances in subsection (1).

(3) In determining an application brought under this section or where an appeal is brought against the determination of an application made under this section in determining that appeal, the court concerned shall act as expeditiously as possible consistent with the administration of justice.

Application to strike out claim and appeal

34E. (1) Where a defendant in defamation proceedings brought on account of his or her engagement in public participation makes an application to the court, in accordance with law, to strike out the claim as being manifestly unfounded—

(a) the court shall, in determining the application, and

(b) where an appeal is brought against the determination of the application, the court that hears and determines the appeal shall,

act as expeditiously as possible consistent with the administration of justice.

(2) Following an application by the defendant referred to in subsection (1), it shall be for the plaintiff to substantiate his or her claim in order to enable the court to assess whether it is manifestly unfounded.

(3) In this section, 'manifestly unfounded', in relation to a claim, includes where—

(a) the indorsement or pleading—

(i) is unnecessary,

(ii) is an abuse of the process of the court, or

(iii) in the case of an interim or interlocutory application, may unreasonably prejudice or delay the fair trial of the action,

(b) the claim—

(i) discloses no reasonable cause of action,

(ii) amounts to an abuse of the process of the court,

(iii) is bound to fail, or

(iv) has no reasonable chance of succeeding,

or

(c) the statement in respect of which the proceedings have been brought is not reasonably capable of being found to have a defamatory meaning in accordance with section 34(2).

Application for declaration where application made to strike out claim and costs

34F. (1) Where a defendant in defamation proceedings brought on account of his or her engagement in public participation makes an application referred to in section 34E(1), he or she may also make an application, on notice to the plaintiff in those proceedings, for a declaration by the court that the proceedings or part thereof amount to abusive court proceedings against public participation.

(2) Where a court makes a declaration under subsection (1) that the defamation proceedings or part thereof amount to abusive court proceedings against public participation, the court shall—

(a) insofar as it considers appropriate, take the declaration into account when making an award of costs or any other order providing for the payment of costs and may, if it thinks fit, order the costs to be paid as between legal practitioner and client or on a legal practitioner and own client basis, and

(b) when making an award or order referred to in paragraph (a), act as expeditiously as possible consistent with the administration of justice.

Application for declaration before, during or at conclusion of trial of action and costs

34G. (1) In defamation proceedings against a defendant brought on account of his or her engagement in public participation, he or she may, before, during or at the conclusion of the trial of the action, make an application, on notice to the plaintiff in those proceedings, for a declaration by the court that the proceedings or part thereof amount to abusive court proceedings against public participation.

(2) Where the court makes a declaration under subsection (1) that the proceedings or part thereof amount to abusive court proceedings against public participation, the court shall—

(a) insofar as it considers appropriate, take the declaration into account when making an award of costs or any other order providing for the payment of costs and may, if it thinks fit, order the costs to be paid as between legal practitioner and client or on a legal practitioner and own client basis, and

(b) when making an award or order referred to in paragraph (a), act as expeditiously as possible consistent with the administration of justice.

Order for damages in case of section 34F or 34G declaration

34H. (1) Where—

(a) the court makes a declaration under section 34F or 34G that the defamation proceedings concerned or part thereof amount to abusive court proceedings against public participation (in this section referred to as the 'declaration'), and

(b) the defendant in those proceedings (in this section referred to as the 'defendant') makes an application to the court, whether before or after the making of the declaration, on notice to the plaintiff in those proceedings (in this section referred to as the 'plaintiff'), for an order for the payment of damages by the plaintiff to the defendant under this section,

the court may, in addition to the making of the declaration and in its absolute discretion, order the plaintiff to pay damages to the defendant as a result of injury, loss or damage suffered by the defendant consequent upon the bringing of the proceedings or part thereof the subject of the declaration.

(2) In deciding whether to make an order under subsection (1), and, where applicable, in determining the amount of any damages to be paid, the court shall have regard to all of the circumstances of the case and the interests of justice, and may take into account the following matters as it considers appropriate:

(a) the nature of the public participation concerned;

(b) the purpose or purposes for which the defamation proceedings or part thereof the subject of the declaration (in this subsection referred to as the 'proceedings') were brought relating to the defendant's engagement in public participation;

(c) the conduct of the proceedings;

(d) any other factors leading to the making of the declaration;

(e) whether the declaration has been made under section 34F or 34G;

(f) whether the declaration relates to all or part of the proceedings;

(g) the injury, loss or damage suffered by the defendant as a result of the bringing of the proceedings (including, where appropriate, the threat of such proceedings) and any mitigating factors.

(3) Where an application for an order for the payment of damages is made under subsection (1)(b)—

(a) the plaintiff and the defendant may make submissions to the court and adduce evidence, and

(b) the court may direct that evidence be given,

in relation to the application.

(4) Where the court makes an order under subsection (1), the court may, if it considers it appropriate to do so, apply the provisions of section 34F(2) or 34G(2), as the case may be, to costs incurred as a result of an application made by the defendant under subsection (1)(b).

(5) The damages recoverable under this section in the Circuit Court shall not exceed the amount standing prescribed, for the time being by law, as the higher of any limit of that Court's jurisdiction in tort.

(6) The Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act 2003 shall not apply in relation to an application under subsection (1)(b).

(7) This section shall not affect the operation of sections 31 and 32.

Publication of certain judgments and court orders

34I. Where a court finds in the course of defamation proceedings that the proceedings are abusive court proceedings against public participation, the court shall direct that any written judgment of the court or, in the absence of a written judgment of the court, any order of the court, related to that finding, shall be published on the website of the Courts Service where practicable and as soon as so practicable.

Refusal by court to recognise or enforce certain third country judgments

34IA.(1) A court shall not recognise or enforce a judgment as being contrary to public policy in proceedings in defamation initiated in a third country that would have been considered abusive court proceedings against public participation, or manifestly unfounded within the meaning of section 34E, had they been initiated in the State.

(2) This section shall not affect the application of any bilateral or multilateral agreement between the State and a third country concluded before 6 May 2024.

Redress for abusive court proceedings against public participation in third country

34IB. (1) Where proceedings in defamation are brought by a plaintiff domiciled in a third country before a court or tribunal of a third country against a defendant domiciled in the State on account of the defendant's engagement in public participation, the defendant may make an application, on notice to the plaintiff, for a declaration by a court in the State that the proceedings or part thereof amount to abusive court proceedings against public participation.

(2) When applying for a declaration under subsection (1), the defendant may make an application for compensation in respect of the damage and costs incurred in connection with the third country proceedings and the court in the State may make an order awarding the defendant compensation in respect of the damage and costs.

(3) A court, when considering an application under subsection (1) may, upon application or of its own motion, stay the proceedings before it where the proceedings before the court or tribunal of the third country are not concluded.

(4) This section shall not affect the application of any bilateral or multilateral agreement between the State and a third country concluded before 6 May 2024.".

PART 4

MISCELLANEOUS

Amendment of section 21 of Defamation (Amendment) Act 2026

16. Section 21 of the Defamation (Amendment) Act 2026 is amended by the deletion of "(inserted by section 19)".

An Bille um Chásanna Dlí Straitéiseacha i gcoinne na Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí, 2026

BILLE

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Acht do thabhairt tuilleadh éifeachta do Threoir (AE) 2024/1069 ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle an 11 Aibreán 2024 maidir le daoine a bhíonn ag gabháil do rannpháirtíocht phoiblí a chosaint ar éilimh atá go follasach gan bhunús nó ar imeachtaí cúirte mí-úsáideacha (‘Cásanna dlí straitéiseacha i gcoinne na rannpháirtíochta poiblí’); do chur na bhforálacha chun feidhme maidir le cásanna intíre; chun na gcríoch sin, do leasú an Achta um Chlúmhilleadh, 2009; d’aisghairm ailt 19 agus 20 den Acht um Chlúmhilleadh (Leasú), 2026; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

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