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Dear Ms. Shoshi,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991).

As you recall, the Committee began its initiative on Albania, further to paragraph 6 of the appendix to decision III/2, following Albania's failure to report on the implementation of the Convention in the period from 2006 to 2009. A meeting of the Committee was held with the representatives from Albania on 23 March 2012. The Committee subsequently prepared the attached draft findings and recommendations, which should not be publicly available at this stage.

You may also recall that the Meeting of the Parties has decided that "the Committee shall decide on the content of any report or recommendations by consensus, send a copy of the draft report or recommendations to the Parties concerned, and shall take into account any representations from such Parties in the finalization of the report" (para. 9 of the Committee's structure and functions and the procedures for the review of compliance, as included in the appendix to decision III/2). In accordance with this provision, you are invited to submit to the secretariat by 15 September 2012 at the latest your comments or representations.

The Implementation Committee will consider these comments or representations before finalizing its report. Please be aware that the Committee's findings and recommendations shall be submitted for consideration to the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties, which is expected to be held in May or June 2014.

Yours sincerely,

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