## **MIHICTEPCTBO** ЕКОЛОГІЇ ТА ПРИРОДНИХ РЕСУРСІВ УКРАЇНИ



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## Secretariat of the Espoo Convention

The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine presents its compliments to the Implementation Committee of the Espoo Convention and, referring to the letter by the Committee of 20 December 2017, has the honour to inform on the following.

The Ministry commends the efforts of the Committee aimed at assisting Ukraine in meeting the requirements provided for in the Espoo Convention in relation to the Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Route Project (hereinafter referred to as Bystroe Route Project) and appreciate the approach on developing of respective as it was discussed during the MOP 7.

Currently we are finalizing our comments on the received Draft Road Map, in particular in terms of proper reflection of all measures according to the newly adopted EIA legislation - EIA Law and secondary legislation, adopted on December, 2017 (see also letter of the MENR from November, 15, 2017 № 5/4/1-10/10203-17). Given this, we kindly request to extend the deadline for comments till the February, 16, 2018.

The Ukrainian delegation to take part in the 41<sup>st</sup> session of the Implementation Committee will be pleased to discuss in detail and share its views on the possible elements of the Road Map for the Bystroe Route Project.

Meanwhile, the Ministry is providing the answers to the questions raised by the Implementation Committee (attached), as well as the list of the delegates to participate in the aforementioned session.

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**Deputy Minister for European Integration** 

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