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Ref. Follow-up with decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties
(EIA/IC/S/1 Bystroe Canal Project)

31 December 2014

Excellency,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Kyiv, 2003).

At its thirty-second session, held in Geneva from 9 to 11 December 2014, the Committee followed up on decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention. In that connection, it considered the information provided on 19 November 2014 by Ukraine in relation to the adoption of relevant legislation by the end of 2015 and to bringing the Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta into full compliance with the Convention by the end of 2015.

The Committee observed that the information provided did not constitute a comprehensive report and thus did not shed much light on any actual progress achieved on the implementation of the Strategy, as requested by decision VI/2. You are now invited to provide:

- a) A comprehensive report on the implementation of the Strategy, as requested by paragraph 25 of decision VI/2;
- b) Clarification on the current status of the draft law of 30 May 2014 (http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4_1?pf3511=51152), which had been registered with the Verkhovna Rada under No 4972, after the parliamentary elections of autumn 2014;
- c) Specific information on the process of the preparation of the draft bilateral agreement with Romania on the implementation of the Convention;
- d) Brief and concise information about the specific steps taken to monitor and implement the measures following the monitoring.

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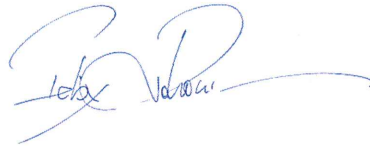
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In addition, please provide the English translation of the advance version of the draft law on environmental impact assessment as soon as available, but no later than end of June 2015 and in due time for the Committee's consideration and feedback before the law's expected adoption by the end of 2015, as required by decision VI/2.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of your country's obligations under decision VI/2 and urge you to take all necessary action to implement the conditions set in that decision as soon as possible, but no later than end of 2015.

You are now invited to provide the above information in English to the secretariat by no later than **2 March 2015**, for the Committee to consider at its next session.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Felix Zaharia', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Felix Zaharia
Chair, Implementation Committee,
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