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

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Dear Mr Tarasenko,

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-six session, held in Geneva from 5 to 7 September 2016, the Committee followed up on decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention. The Committee considered the additional information provided by Ukraine and Romania, on 2 July and 22 July 2016 regarding the follow-up to decision VI/2 (paras. 15–28).

The Committee regretted that the adoption of the new draft Law on Environmental Impact Assessment, which according to Ukraine was expected to bring Ukrainian legislation into compliance with the Convention, was still pending and urged Ukraine to adopt the law as soon as possible.

The Committee also found that the information and documents provided by Ukraine on steps taken to bring the Project into full compliance with the Convention were incomplete and requested me to reiterate the Committee's request to Ukraine to report on progress **by the end of 2016**, about:

- (a) its implementation of the 'Strategy on the implementation of the paragraphs 11-12 of the Decision IV/2 of Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention', in particular concrete legislative measures adopted to this effect. In order to facilitate the preparation of the Committee's report to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (Minsk, 13–16 June 2017), Ukraine is also kindly requested to provide the Committee with a copy of the law, together with its Russian and English translations, upon adoption of the law by the national Parliament.
- (b) concrete measures to bring the project into conformity with the Convention, especially in relation to the measures in accordance with paragraph 19 of decision V/4.

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Finally, the Committee invited me to remind the Government of Ukraine that in accordance with decision IVI/2, para. 26, it was to report to the Committee on the implementation of Article 7 of the Convention eight months before the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties, i.e. **by 13 November 2016**.

You are kindly invited to provide the requested information and the report **in English** for consideration by the Committee.

Yours sincerely,



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