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Dear Mr. Dobi,

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

At its thirtieth session, held in Geneva from 25 to 27 February 2014, the Committee considered the information received on 3 October 2013 from a political party of Hungary with regard to the operation of a goldmine and the use of cyanide technology in Muzhiyevo, Ukraine, close to the border with Hungary (EIA/IC/INFO/13). The Committee considered that a decision to continue an activity, included in appendix I to the Convention, that had been formally terminated could constitute a proposed activity under the Convention. Moreover, in the light of information available to it, the Committee considered that gold mining as the activity in question constituted major mining within the meaning of item 14 of appendix I to the Convention.

The Committee agreed that it would continue its consideration of the matter at its next session. At the request of the Committee, I am now writing to request the Government of Hungary to address the following question in English:

- On 30 November 2011, by letter addressed to the Minister of Environmental Protection of Ukraine, the Minister of Rural Development of Hungary indicated that Hungary had been informed about the planned reopening of the Muzhiyevo goldmine, that it considered itself as an Affected Party under the Espoo Convention and that it asked for notification. Please provide information on any subsequent correspondence with Ukraine about the matter.

You are kindly invited to provide the information to the secretariat by 4 August 2014 for consideration by the Committee at its next session.

Yours sincerely,

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