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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).

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 Ukraine to provide the following clarifications and information in English:

- (a) Has Hungary been notified in accordance with article 3 of the Convention?
- (b) Please provide a copy, if any, of the response of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine to the letter of the Ministry of Rural Development of Hungary dated 30 November 2011, regarding the notification to the Hungarian Government?

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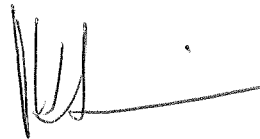
(c) Please provide information about the transboundary environmental impact assessment process for the planned activity?

(d) Please provide information about the planned activity (Muzhiyevo goldmine project), the location and the area of exploitation (map) and its current status, whether there was an intention to restart operation?

(e) Has the Government of Ukraine taken the necessary legal, administrative and other measures to implement the provisions of the Convention with respect to the activity;

You are kindly requested to provide the information to the secretariat by no later than 4 August 2014, for the Committee to consider at its next session.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several vertical strokes followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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