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Dear Ms. Baron,

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

At its sixteenth session, held in Berlin from 10 to 12 March 2009, the Committee reviewed information provided by a Dutch non-governmental organization (NGO), 'Comité Centrale Née (CCN)', regarding a planned combined-cycle gas turbine power plant at Visé in Belgium. The Committee agreed that it would gather further information on whether there had been proper public participation in the affected Party (the Netherlands) by contacting the concerned Parties, copying the information received from the NGO and seeking the Parties' observations. In particular, the Committee seeks information on:

- (a) the permitting or consent and EIA procedures;
- (b) whether there had been a notification;
- (c) whether the Netherlands had chosen to participate in the transboundary EIA;
- (d) what opportunities had been provided for public participation by Belgium and the Netherlands, with both Parties being responsible; and
- (e) whether there were any bilateral agreements governing the transboundary EIA procedure.

You are requested to provide written information to the Convention's secretariat no later than 30 June 2009.

The Committee agreed to discuss the reply at its next session, from 14 to 18 September 2009, and considered that it might then have further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments: documentation provided by the Dutch NGO 'Comité Centrale Née (CCN)'