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Ref. Follow-up with decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties (EIA/IC/S/4)

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Dear Mr. Auglys,

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 thirty-first session, held in Geneva from 2 to 4 September 2014, the Committee considered its follow up to decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties regarding Belarus. It recalled that steps had been taken by Belarus and Lithuania to reach compliance subsequent to the Committee's findings and recommendations at its twenty-seventh session (Geneva, 12–14 March 2013) further to the submission by Lithuania received on 16 June 2011, expressing concerns about compliance by Belarus with its obligations under the Convention regarding the planned construction of an NPP in Ostrovets, Belarus, close to the border with Lithuania (EIA/IC/S/4). The Committee also took note of the additional correspondence received by Belarus and Lithuania since the Committee's previous session.

At the request of the Committee, I am now writing to remind you of your obligation to report by the end of the year to the Committee on the implementation of the recommendations made by the Meeting of the Parties. In your report, you are requested to specifically address the steps undertaken under paragraphs 51 to 64 of the decision VI/2.

Please provide the requested information by no later than **21 November 2014** for the Committee to consider and analyse at its next session.

Yours sincerely,

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