Dear Mr. Buchko,

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 the secretariat regarding activities at Giurgiulesti Port in the Republic of Moldova, close to the borders with Romania and Ukraine. The Committee member nominated by the Republic of Moldova (Ms. Olaru) left the room during the discussion, in accordance with the Committee’s operating rules.

The Committee agreed that it would gather further information by writing to the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine to seek concise procedural information, regarding:

(a) the different activities at the port,
(b) on the state expertise, permitting or consent, and
(c) transboundary EIA procedures, including notification,

as well as the exact dates of the steps taken.

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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Chair, Implementation Committee,
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