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6 December 2012

Dear Mr Tretyak,

I am writing you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context in your position as Focal Point to the Convention.

I wish to inform you that, at its twenty-sixth session (26-28 November 2012), the Committee considered the first progress report submitted by the Government of Ukraine on 29 December 2011, and the replies from Ukraine of 6 January 2012 to the Committee’s questions, regarding:

(a) the steps it had taken to bring into full compliance the Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta;
(b) the post-project analysis of the project;
(c) the implementation of its strategy for implementing the Convention, in particular on concrete legislative measures adapted to this effect.

The Committee expressed its concerns about the little progress reported on this far by Ukraine. The Committee decided that it would draft its report to the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties on its evaluation of the steps taken by the Government of Ukraine as well as its further recommendations to assist Ukraine in complying with its obligations under the Convention at its twenty-eighth session (10–12 September 2013) on
the basis of the next report to be provided by Ukraine as requested by the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session. In addition, the Committee agreed that it would base its report and recommendations on Ukraine on additional information to be provided by Ukraine in advance of its twenty-eighth session.

The Committee asked me to invite your Government to provide it through the secretariat with its next progress report by 31 December 2012 and with any additional information by 27 August 2013 at the latest. The progress report and the additional information should be provided in English.

Yours sincerely,

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