

IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
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CONTEXT
PROTOCOL ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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Ref. Fifth Review of Implementation of the Convention

11 April 2019

Dear Mr. Vandenborre,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Kyiv, 2003).

At its forty-fourth session, held in Geneva from 12 to 15 March 2019, the Committee considered the general and specific compliance issues identified in the Fifth Review of Implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/9), based on questionnaires returned by Parties.

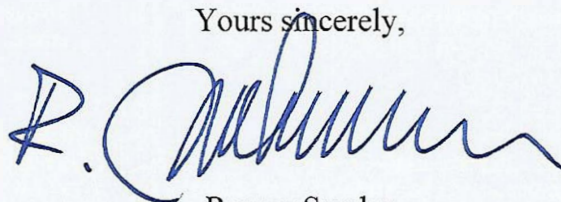
The Committee noted that in the response to the questionnaire (question I.22), Belgium reported not having relevant provisions in its national environmental impact assessment legislation requiring the organization of public hearings as an affected Party.

At the request of the Committee, I am now writing to you to ask the Government of Belgium to provide clarifications on how Belgium as affected Party ensures public involvement in the environmental impact assessment procedure under articles 3 (8) and 4 (2) of the Convention.

Mr. Steven Vandenborre
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regarding the Espoo Convention
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You are kindly invited to provide the requested information through the secretariat by **1 June 2019** to enable the Committee to continue its consideration of the matter at its forty-fifth session (Geneva, 10–13 September 2019).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Svedas', with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

Romas Svedas
Chair of the Implementation Committee