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PROTOCOL ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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Ref. Fifth Review of Implementation of the Convention

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Dear Mr. Catot,

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.

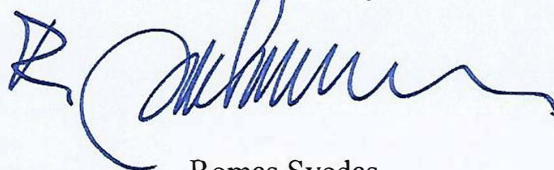
The Committee noted France did not have an exhaustive list of elements to be covered in the decisions authorizing projects subject to an environmental impact assessment and thus could not indicate such elements to be covered by a final decision referred to in article 6 (1) of the Convention.

At the request of the Committee, I am now writing to you to ask the Government of France to provide clarifications on how article 6 (1) of the Convention has been implemented in the country's national legislation.

Mr. David Catot
Focal Point for Administrative Matters
regarding the Espoo Convention
Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy
Paris

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 flourish at the end.

Romas Svedas
Chair of the Implementation Committee