

**IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**  
**CONVENTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN A TRANSBOUNDARY**  
**CONTEXT**  
**PROTOCOL ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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Ref. Fifth Review of Implementation of the Convention

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Dear Ms. Maggiore,

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 its response to question I.17 of the questionnaire Italy stated that when acting as a Party of origin, it did not have specific mechanisms to ensure that environmental impact assessment documentation was of sufficient quality. In addition, in the response to question I.22, Italy 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 Italy to provide clarifications on:

(a) How article 4 (1) was implemented within Italy's national legal and administrative frameworks;

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cc: Ms Monica Torchino, Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea

(b) How Italy as affected Party ensures public involvement in the environmental impact assessment procedure under articles 3 (8) and 4 (2) of the Convention.

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,

Romas Svedas  
Chair of the Implementation Committee