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Dear Mr. Buchko,

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

At its eighteenth session, held in Geneva from 23 to 25 February 2010, the Committee considered the strategy of the Government of Ukraine to implement the Convention, as requested by the Meeting of the Parties (decision IV/2, para. 12), and the accompanying explanatory notes, received from the Government of Ukraine on 31 December 2009. The Committee also considered the strategy as adopted by resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 6 January 2010.

The Committee asked that I write to you to express the Committee's thanks for the strategy and other documents received, and taking note of the copies received of letters sent by Ukraine to neighbouring States proposing negotiation of bilateral agreements or other arrangements.

The Committee wished to know whether the deadlines indicated in the strategy were still valid in the light of a possible change of Government in Ukraine, and requested that the deadline and responsible authority be identified for each and every action in the strategy. The Committee recommended that as many provisions of the Convention as possible be implemented in legislation, and not in subordinate regulations, and that non-construction activities listed in appendix I to the Convention be covered by the strategy.

The Committee also agreed to request information on the status of the expected revision of regulations on public participation. The Committee also asked for confirmation that the strategy would be implemented in line with the explanatory notes.

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Furthermore, the Committee wished to receive an update on the status of negotiation of bilateral agreements or other arrangements; the Committee will later provide this information to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

You are requested to provide written information to the Convention's secretariat no later than 31 May 2010.

The Committee agreed to discuss consider this matter further at its next session and considered that it might then have further questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Sauer', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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