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Ref. Follow-up on decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties
(EIA/IC/S/4 Ostrovets nuclear power plant)

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Dear Ms. Malkina,

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 thirty-sixth session, held in Geneva from 5 to 7 September 2016, the Committee continued the consideration of the follow-up by Belarus with the recommendations of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (decision VI/2).

The Committee recalled that during its previous session it had invited Belarus and Lithuania to carry out bilateral expert level consultations on the issues of disagreement raised during that session and to jointly report on the results of these consultations.

At its thirty-sixth session, the Committee noted that Belarus and Lithuania had not sent their joint report, and agreed to wait for the joint report of the outcome of the second bilateral expert meeting before finalizing its own report including recommendations regarding the matter to the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session.

The Committee also decided to remind both Lithuania and Belarus that under decision VI/2 they were required, both individually and jointly, to undertake specific actions. In particular, the Parties were asked to engage in bilateral consultations that should provide the possibility to Belarus to agree with Lithuania on the steps to be followed to continue the procedure of transboundary EIA on the basis of the final EIA documentation, as well as to continue their consultations.

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Your Government is therefore invited to jointly report with the Government of Lithuania **by 1 November 2016** to the Committee through the secretariat on the results of the second bilateral Belarussian – Lithuanian expert meeting. The joint report should be signed by both Parties and list both the issues agreed on, as well as those on which the Parties could not reach consensus.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Felix Zaharia', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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