

**IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**  
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**PROTOCOL ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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Ref. Examination of general and specific compliance issues from the second review of implementation of the Protocol

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Dear Ms. Maggiore,

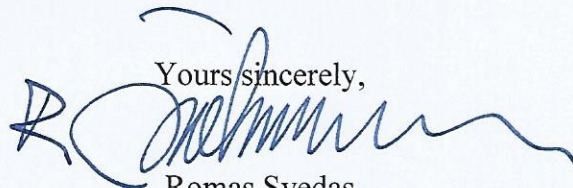
I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Kyiv, 2003).

At its forty-fifth session, held in Geneva from 10 to 13 September 2019, the Committee continued its consideration of general and specific compliance issues identified in the second review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/9).

The Committee examined a reply from the Government of Italy received on 12 July 2019 in response to the Committee's letter of 17 April 2019 requesting clarification on implementation of article 7(3) of the Protocol, particularly on how Italy ensured that environmental reports were of sufficient quality, and whether the procedure followed in practice met the requirements of the Protocol. I would like to inform you that the Committee agreed that the clarification provided was to its satisfaction.

The Committee also requested your agreement that the correspondence between the Committee and the Government of Italy be placed on the Convention's website as illustration of the Committee's approach to the specific compliance issue; if there is no reply to this request by **11 November 2019**, the Committee would understand that you agree with publication.

Yours sincerely,



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