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Dear Ms. Plesco,

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 replies by the Governments of the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine, received 6 July, 29 June and 25 June 2009, respectively, to my letter of 7 April 2009, further to information provided by the secretariat regarding activities at Giurgiulesti Port in the Republic of Moldova, close to the borders with Romania and Ukraine.

The Committee asked that I write to you to request the following information on the procedure for transboundary environmental impact assessment:

- (a) The date on which the State ecological expertise was completed for the oil terminal as originally foreseen (construction 1997-2000) and the date on which the final decision was taken to begin construction;
- (b) A description of the activities that were already authorized or underway at the Giurgiulesti Port in June 2006;
- (c) Identification of the activities that were covered by the notification sent by the Republic of Moldova to Romania and Ukraine in June 2006;

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- (d) The date on which the State ecological expertise was completed for the scaled-down oil terminal (construction 2006 onwards) and the date on which the final decision was taken to begin construction;
- (e) The date on which the State ecological expertise was completed for Guirgiulesti International Free Port and the date on which the final decision was taken to begin construction;
- (f) The date on which construction began of the dry-cargo terminal;
- (g) The date on which construction began of the passenger terminal;
- (h) Whether the bio-ethanol production plant uses a biological or chemical process;
- (i) The date on which the State ecological expertise completed for the railway branch line Cahul-Giugiulesti and the date on which the final decision was taken to begin construction:
- (j) Whether, and if so when and how, the Republic of Moldova provided the affected Parties with the final decision on Guirgiulesti International Free Port;
- (k) Whether the Republic of Moldova has cooperated or will cooperate with Romania in carrying out post-project analysis, as requested by Romania and as provided for in article 7 of the Convention.

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

The Committee agreed to discuss the reply at its next session and considered that it might then have further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Matthias Sauer

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