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Your Excellency,

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 nineteenth session, held in Geneva from 31 August to 2 September 2010, the Committee considered Your Excellency's letter received on 16 August 2010 in response to the Committee's letter seeking information on the transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure applied to the activities at Giurgiulesti Port.

The Committee decided to seek further clarification on this matter and asked that I write to you, with a copy to Romania, to request the following information:

(a) The date when construction of the oil terminal resumed after a pause of several years, in the period 2006–2007 and the date when the oil terminal was completed;

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- (b) The final decision taken on the oil terminal, as well as whether due account was taken of the comments of the affected Parties in the final decision, and whether the final decision was provided to the affected Parties and when and by what means;
- (c) The final decision taken on the passenger and dry-good terminals, as well as whether due account was taken of the comments of the affected Parties in the final decision, and whether the final decision was provided to the affected Parties and when and by what means;
- (d) How the competent authority had concluded that the branch railway line was not a major change to the existing railway network in the Republic of Moldova, and whether or not it was likely to have a significant adverse transboundary impact.

Your Excellency is kindly requested to provide written information to the Convention's secretariat no later than 31 December 2010.

The Committee agreed to discuss the reply at its next session and considered that it might then have further questions. The Committee also expressed its pleasure that the Republic of Moldova was willing to carry out a post-project analysis, and presumed that the Committee might share this information with Romania.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration,

Matthias Sauer

Chair, Implementation Committee,
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