Regarding the Fifth Review of Implementation of the Espoo Convention

We refer to the letter dated April 11 this year concerning the Fifth Review of Implementation of the Convention, and Norway's response to the questionnaire's question I.22.

To answer the question stated, we refer to the following. Section 35 of the Norwegian Regulations on Impact Assessment (2017) states that (unofficial translation):

"In cases where the Norwegian Environment Agency is notified by the contact authority of another country, the Agency shall announce information about the plan or initiative on its own website for cases with transboundary environmental impact (link to the website) and, to the extent necessary, make the case known through other means to the affected Norwegian authorities and interest groups. Based on statements received, the Norwegian Environment Agency sends a reply to the contact authority in the country of origin" (our underlinings).

The Norwegian Environment Agency, as soon as a notification is received, presents the case on their web site. In addition, the documents are sent to relevant local, regional and national authorities and NGOs. In the case of projects along the national border with a lot of public interest, such as wind power projects, the Agency also considers the need for newspaper advertisements/announcements. In responding to the party of origin, the Agency encloses all statements received.
We hope this provides sufficient clarification concerning your question.

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