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Dear Ms. Pineta,

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

Further to its twenty-third session, the Committee considered at its twenty-fifth session, held in Geneva from 11 to 13 September 2012, the information received on a planned activity in Romania, close to the border with Bulgaria. Taking into account the legal analysis by the curator, the Committee decided that it had no grounds to conclude that Romania was in non-compliance with its requirements under the Protocol on SEA. However, the Committee wished to continue gathering information about the assessment of locational alternatives and the extent to which they would be subject to the EIA and SEA procedures in line with the Convention and its Protocol.

The Committee asked me to invite you to provide the above information and to respond to the following additional questions by 9 November 2012 for consideration by the Committee at its twenty-six session in November 2012:

(a) What is the decision-making procedure in Romania which determines in practical terms the location for the repository – bearing in mind that such location in order to be designated must be, under the specific legal requirements related to nuclear activities, subject to all preparatory monitoring and studies?

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(b) Is the decision-making for “partial location authorization” required to consider alternative locations? Can this authorization be granted to several locations? Has it been granted to several locations?

(c) Is it legally possible and practically feasible that when adopting the Zonal Area Plan or environmental agreement (EIA decision) the relevant authorities would be able to designate another site for the repository, if it was not subject to all preparatory monitoring and studies allowed under the “partial location authorisation”?

Yours sincerely,



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