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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).

At its twenty-seventh session, held in Geneva from 12 to 14 March 2013, the Committee continued to consider the information it had gathered on a planned activity in Romania, close to the border with Bulgaria, further to information provided by a Romanian non-governmental organization. The Committee examined the reply from the Government of Romania received on 18 February 2013 in response to its letter of 2 October 2012.

The Committee agreed that while parts of the responses from Romania were to its satisfaction, it should seek further clarification regarding the general features of the system in place in Romania and, in particular whether it allows for a meaningful consideration of locational alternatives at an early stage when all options are possible and within appropriate impact assessment procedure (whether EIA or SEA). The Committee asked that I write to you to request the following additional information from the Government of Romania:

1. Can a "partial location authorisation" be granted to several locations and has it been granted to several locations in this particular case?
2. Is it practically feasible (and not only legally possible) that a developer undertakes all the required "preparatory nuclear studies" to obtain another partial location authorization, further to a request to consider an alternative site for a repository resulting from a SEA and/or EIA?

You kindly are invited to provide the information to the secretariat **by 15 May 2013** for consideration by the Committee at its next session.

Yours sincerely,

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