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**Secretariat of the Espoo Convention  
Implementation Committee of the Espoo Convention**

The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Espoo Convention and to the Implementation Committee of the Espoo Convention.

In response to your letter dated 12.17.2013 and in addition to the report of the Ukrainian Party on the Matters Set Out in Paragraph 24 of Decision V / 4, Adopted at the Fifth Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention to the Implementation Committee of the Espoo Convention by letter of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine dated 03.12 .2013 № 17275/13/10-13 has the honour to inform you.

In 2008, Ukraine performed with initiative of the joint Ukrainian-Romanian environmental monitoring of the Danube Delta in response to the claims of the Romanian Party concerning failure by Ukraine of the Convention as a result of the rehabilitation project DNP "Danube-Black Sea".

On October 14, 2009 in the city of Tulcea (Romania) was held a meeting of the Ukrainian -Romanian expert group on the organization and conduct joint monitoring of the Danube Delta. The result of this meeting was to harmonize on the expert level the Program of the joint environmental monitoring of the Danube Delta , which after processing the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine sent (letter dated 18.12.2009 № 21891/22/10-09) to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the further communication by diplomatic channels to the Ministry of Environment of Romania.

By the letter of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs dated 12.08.2013 № 630/14-110-4619 t the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine has received draft of transboundary monitoring of the Danube Delta received from the Romanian party. The document set that Cross Border Monitoring Project Danube Delta received from the Romanian party and it`s a compilation of the draft Program of the joint environmental monitoring of the Danube Delta, which was sent to the Romanian party by letter dated 18.12.2009 № 21891/22/10-09.

Since 2004, the Ukrainian party is carried out comprehensive environmental monitoring of the environmental conditions during the restoration and maintenance of DSD of the Danube - Black Sea. Negative impact on the environment wasn`t defined.

Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine referred to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs by the letter dated 17.10.2013 № 15035/13/10-13 with a proposal to hold talks with the Romanian party at the level of experts to agree on bilateral issues concerning monitoring and mutual adjustment of the schedule aimed at ensuring compliance with the Convention Espoo in the implementation of the rehabilitation of DNP "Danube-Black Sea".

The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

**The Minister**

**Oleg Proskiryakov**