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**Mr. Nick Bonvoisin
Secretary
Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment
in a Transboundary Context**

**CC: Mr. Matthias Sauer
Chair
Implementation Committee
Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment
in a Transboundary Context**

Dear Mr. Bonvoisin,

In accordance with paragraph 5 (a) of the appendix to decision III/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991), the Government of Azerbaijan wishes to bring before the Convention's Implementation Committee a submission expressing concerns about the compliance of the Armenian Party with its obligations under the Convention. These concerns relate to the application of the Convention by the Armenian Party to the planned building of nuclear power station in Metsamor, which is an activity of the type listed in item 2 of appendix I to the Convention i.e. could cause significant transboundary impact.

The Armenian Party provided, through the secretariat, a notification to its neighbouring States including Azerbaijan further to article 3, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to which Azerbaijan responded positively further to article 3, paragraph 3. However, we consider that Armenian Party has failed to comply with its obligations under article 3, paragraphs 5 and 8, and under articles 4(2), 5 and 6, as it has decided to terminate the procedure under the Convention while proceeding with the decision-making on the planned activity. Corroborating information could be found at <http://www.unece.org/env/eia/armenia-npp.htm>.

In this regard we would like to request Implementation Committee to consider the issue of observance the Espoo Convention by Armenia with regard to construction of new nuclear power plant in Metsamor.

Sincerely,

Firdovsi Aliyev
Deputy Minister