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Ref. Follow-up on decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties
(EIA/IC/S/4 Ostrovets nuclear power plant)

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Dear Ms. Malkina,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Kyiv, 2003).

At its thirty-seventh session, held in Geneva from 12 to 14 December 2016, the Committee thoroughly analysed the steps taken by Belarus and Lithuania since the Committee's twenty-seventh session in following its decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties. It took note of the material provided by Belarus and Lithuania in response to the Committee's request of 19 September 2016 and an information by the curator about the new law of Belarus on State environmental expertise, SEA and EIA adopted in July 2016.

To enable further assessment of the matter by the Committee with the view to finalize its draft recommendations to the seventh Meeting of the Parties, I am now writing at the Committee's request to invite you to inform it about:

- (a) progress made in negotiating the bilateral agreement between Belarus and Lithuania for the implementation of the Convention according to article 8, including a provisional timetable and planned steps to finalize the agreement, and substantive content of the agreement;
- (b) the results of the SEED mission scheduled to take place in December 2016;

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- (c) confidence-building measures Belarus has taken in order to implement paragraph 64 of the Decision VI/2, including measures regarding the provision of information related to the construction of the nuclear power plant and any possible incident or accident.

In addition, with the reference to the paragraph 48 of decision VI/2, may I kindly ask you to provide the Committee with an English translation of the provisions regarding transboundary EIA procedures of its newly adopted law and its subsequent subsidiary regulations.

You are kindly requested to provide the information required to the secretariat in English by no later than **3 February 2017**, for the Committee to consider at its next session.

Yours sincerely,



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