

IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
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Ref. Follow-up on decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties
(EIA/IC/S/1 Bystroe Canal Project)

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Dear Ms. Măcelaru,

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-fifth session, held in Geneva from 15 to 17 March 2016, the Committee followed up on decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, including actions by Ukraine to meet the recommendations relating to the Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta (the Bystroe Canal Project) (EIA/IC/S/1). At the invitation of the Committee, the delegation of Ukraine participated in the meeting on 16 March, and presented information and opinions on the progress Ukraine has made to comply with the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties in relation to the Project, as required by decision VI/2.

The Committee also took note of your letter of 17 March 2016 regarding the ongoing consultations with Ukraine on the possible development of a bilateral agreement on the implementation of the Convention.

You are now invited to provide your views on the concrete steps taken by Ukraine to bring the project in conformity with the Convention, further to the recommendations of the European Union-funded project and the associated Report (specifically, its Annex to Task III – Bystroe Canal, pp. 53-54) to support Ukraine in its implementation of the Convention (see decision VI/2 para. 25(b); and decision V/4, para. 19).

Please provide the above information in English to the secretariat by **29 February 2016**, for the Committee to consider at its next session.

Yours sincerely



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