

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)

7 April 2016

Dear Mr Tarasenko,

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).

I would like to thank the delegation of Ukraine for its participation in the thirty-fifth session of the Implementation Committee in Geneva on 16 March 2016, and the presentation of information and opinions on the progress Ukraine has made to comply with the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties in relation to Danube-Black Sea Deep Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian sector of the Danube Delta (the Bystroe Canal Project), as required by decision VI/2 (EIA/IC/S/1).

The Committee will continue consideration of the matter at its next session. As agreed during the discussion with the Ukrainian delegation on 16 March, the Committee requested me to invite you to provide the following information regarding concrete measures Ukraine has taken 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). Specifically:

- (a) Please provide a copy of the law or other official document showing that:
- The conclusion of the Integrated State Expertisa of Phase I of the Project was repealed (as recommended by point 1 on p. 53 of the report);
 - The conclusion of the State Ecological Expertisa of Phase I of the Project has been repealed (as recommended by point 2 on p. 53 of the report);
- (b) Please provide a copy of the decision of the Government to cease any works under Phase I of the Project;

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(c) Please provide a copy of the notifications sent to potentially affected Parties (not only Romania) of the Project (as recommended by point 4 on p. 54 of the report);

You are kindly invited to provide the information **in English** to the secretariat **by 29 July 2016** for consideration by the Committee at its next session.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Aurora', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval. A horizontal line extends to the right from the end of the signature.

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