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Regarding fifths Review of Implementation of the Convention

Dear Mr. Svedas,

Ministry of the Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia has received your letter, dated April 17, 2019, regarding the fifths Review of Implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Convention).

Considering your request to provide written clarification to the Convention's Secretariat about Latvia's response to the question 1.22 of the questionnaire (filled by Latvia on April 4, 2016), indicated that Latvia reported not having relevant provisions in national environmental impact assessment legislation requiring the organization of public hearings as and Affected party, we would

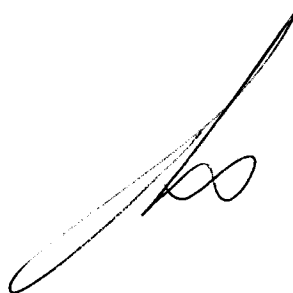
like to draw your attention that Latvia as an Affected party according to the Law on Environmental Impact Assessment Section 20¹. para 6¹, 6², 6³ (<https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/51522-on-environmental-impact-assessment>) provides possibility for the public to submit opinion about intended activity. Simultaneously national legislation does not require organization of public hearing (in form of a meeting) in the cases, where our country is an affected Party but in practice we always ask the Party of origin to organize public hearing in our country.

We would like to thank you for your question and we are looking forward for good cooperation in the future.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration

Respectfully yours,

Deputy State Secretary

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