IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE CONVENTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN A TRANSBOUNDARY CONTEXT

PROTOCOL ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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Ref. Fifth Review of Implementation of the Convention

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Dear Ms. Skorka,

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 forty-fifth session, held in Geneva from 10 to 13 September 2019, the Committee examined the reply from the Government of Slovakia received on 31 May 2019 in response to the Committee's letter of 11 April 2019 requesting further clarifications on how article 4 (1) was implemented within Slovakia's national legal and administrative frameworks and on how Slovakia as affected Party ensures public involvement in the environmental impact assessment procedure under articles 3 (8) and 4 (2) of the Convention.

The Committee has asked that I write to you to express the Committee's thanks for your clarification and to inform the Government of Slovakia that the Committee was satisfied with the information provided.

The Committee also requested your agreement that the correspondence between the Committee and your Government be placed on the Convention's website as illustration of the Committee's approach to a specific compliance issue and of a proper and sufficient response from a Party to address the issue. If there is no reply to this request by 30 October 2019, the Committee would understand that you agree with publication.

Romas Svedas

Yours sincerely.

Chair of the Implementation Committee

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