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Dear Mr. Nižňanský,

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

At its eighteenth session, held in Geneva from 23 to 25 February 2010, the Committee considered replies by the Governments of Slovakia and Ukraine, received 31 and 30 December 2009, respectively, to my letters of 14 October 2009, further to information provided by Ukraine and the secretariat regarding the proposed extension of the Mochovce Nuclear Power Plant in Slovakia.

The Committee decided that it would not examine Slovakia's compliance with the Convention's provisions on notification as Slovakia had accepted Ukraine's participation in the procedure for transboundary environmental impact assessment. Nonetheless, the Committee asked that I write to you to seek clarification of how Slovakia had furnished Ukraine with the environmental impact assessment documentation, pursuant to article 4, paragraph 2, of the Convention. The Committee wished to know the date, addressee, documentation formats and means of communication used to transmit the documentation. The means of communication, in the Committee's view, might include electronic mail, courier, regular post, recorded delivery or through diplomatic channels. The documentation formats might include printed copy, compact disc and electronic files attached to an electronic mail or posted on a public website.

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Please also indicate the language or languages of the documentation provided and whether, and if so on what date and how, the Government of Slovakia had obtained confirmation that the Government of Ukraine had received the environmental impact assessment documentation.

You are requested to provide written information to the Convention's secretariat no later than 31 May 2010.

The Committee agreed to discuss the reply, if appropriate, at its next session and considered that it might then have further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Matthias Sauer

Chair, Implementation Committee,
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