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To: Mr. Felix ZAHARIA, Chair

Implementation Committee of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment

Ref: Follow -up with decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties (EIA/IC/S/1 Bystroe Canal Project)

Dear Chair,

Please allow me to take this opportunity and thank you very much for your letter dated 16 December 2015, where you invited us to provide information on the ongoing consultation with Ukraine on the post-project analysis and the preparation of a bilateral agreement on the implementation of the Espoo Convention, taking into consideration decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, at its sixth session.

In order to follow the above decision, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests has prepared a draft agreement between the Government of Romania and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the implementation of the Espoo Convention, which contain the main elements of the environmental impact assessment procedure in a transboundary context in order to implement the obligation of Romania and Ukraine under the Espoo Convention.

At the moment, this draft is being analyzed by other Romanian authorities with responsibilities in the field. As soon as this agreement will be completed reviewing by the Romanian authorities, this will be submitted to the Ukrainian Party for make arrangements.

We hope that this progress would contribute to strengthen the implementation of the Convention, but we kindly want to consider the fact that Ukraine lacks legislation necessary to ensure the proper implementation of the Convention.

Please accept, Chair, the assurance of my highest consideration and esteem.

Yours sincerely,

State Secretary

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