

**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)

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Dear Ms. Măcelaru,

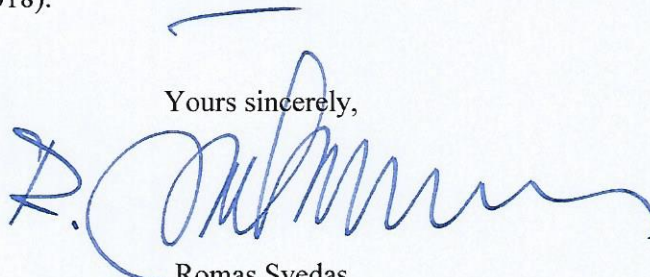
I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Kyiv, 2003).

At its fortieth session, held in Geneva from 5 to 7 December 2017, the Committee continued the consideration of the follow-up by Ukraine on decision VI/2 and the review of draft decision VII/2 in relation to the Danube-Black Sea Deep-Water Navigation Canal in the Ukrainian Sector of the Danube Delta (Bystroe Canal Project). The Committee noted the information from Romania dated 1 November 2017 that Ukraine had not responded to the invitation by Romania of September 2016 to provide comments and inputs to the draft text bilateral agreement that the two countries were encouraged to conclude by decision VI/2 and that it intends to continue dredging activities on the entire length of the proposed canal in the Danube Delta.

I am now writing to you on behalf of the Committee to kindly invite your Government to provide the Committee with the recent reports of the working group meetings under the Danube Commission that were mentioned in your letter of 1 November and contained references to continuation of dredging works by Ukraine in the Bystroe canal.

Please provide the above information in English to the secretariat by **12 February 2018**, for the Committee to consider at its next session (Geneva, 13-15 March 2018).

Yours sincerely,



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