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Subject RE: REMINDER: Letter from the Chair of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention

Dear Nick

Thank you for your email enclosing Mr Vesic's letter, in which he asks for information on activities of non-government organisations and their involvement in the application of the Espoo Convention, and the SEA Protocol when it comes into effect.

In the UK, Government values the contributions of NGOs to the development and implementation of policy. Organisations such as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF - formerly World Wildlife Fund) and Friends of the Earth (FOE) are influential bodies with large memberships (over a million in the case of RSPB) and considerable influence and status. We are often in contact with them in our work on EIA and SEA, and have consulted them in the course of developing Government guidance.

Mr Vesic mentions the possible need to raise NGOs' awareness of instruments such as the Espoo Convention and SEA Protocol. Our experience suggests that NGOs in the UK need little help from Government in this respect - indeed they often raise issues of compliance and good practice in the course of their activities.

Contact details for the organisations mentioned above can be found at:

<http://www.rspb.org.uk>
<http://www.cpre.org.uk>
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Best regards

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Dear focal point for the Espoo Convention,

Please find attached a letter from Mr. Aleksandar Vesic, Chair of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention. The letter encourages national activities to raise awareness of the Convention and to develop the capacity and involvement of relevant non-governmental organizations in applying the Convention. I would like to draw your attention in particular to the final paragraph of the letter in which Mr. Vesic requests a reply to his letter.

Yours sincerely,
Nick Bonvoisin

(See attached file: letter_to_Espoo_focal_points_sept_09.pdf)

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