

Decision IS/1e

Compliance by Serbia with its obligations under the Convention in respect of a third block of the Kostolac lignite power plant

The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention,

Recalling article 11, paragraph 2, and article 14 bis of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context,

Recalling also its decision at its seventh session to finalize its deliberations on the review of compliance with the Convention at an intermediary session, based on a revised draft decision to be prepared by the Implementation Committee and taking into account the work carried out and the progress achieved before and during the seventh session,¹

Having considered the sections concerning Serbia in the report on the activities of the Implementation Committee to the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its seventh session² and in the reports of the Committee on its forty-first³ and forty-second sessions,⁴

Recalling its decision IS/1 on general issues of compliance with the Convention adopted at the intermediary session,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts made by Serbia during the 2014–2017 intersessional period to implement the recommendations of the Committee regarding the planned construction of block 3 of the Kostolac lignite power plant;⁵

2. *Endorses* the findings of the Implementation Committee that Serbia brought the planned construction into compliance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the Convention by initiating a transboundary procedure with Romania;⁶

3. *Requests* Serbia and Romania to complete the transboundary procedure in accordance with the Convention.

¹ See ECE/MP.EIA/23-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7, para. 27. See also draft decision VII/2 (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/8).

² ECE/MP.EIA/2017/4-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/4, paras. 86–87.

³ ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2018/2, para. 50.

⁴ ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2018/4, paras. 46–50.

⁵ ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2016/4, para. 43.

⁶ *Ibid.*