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Sent: 22 October 2020 8:58 AM
To: Eglė Paužuolienė
Cc: ECE-Aarhus-Compliance; ramune bishops; Rudaminos bendruomenė ; Reda Skirkeviciute
Subject: Note on Party Concerned's comments

Dear Ms Marshall, Dear Ms Paužuolienė,

the Communicant would like to draw the attention of the Party Concerned to an important factual discrepancy in the Comments provided by the Ministry of Environment, now published on the UNECE website:

https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/compliance/C2013-98/Correspondence_Party/frPartyC98_20.10.2020/frPartyC98_20.10.2020_att1_comments.pdf

Namely, on Page 2 of the Party Concerned's comments it is stated that:

"On the basis of our request SSD initialized internal investigation which showed that none of the SSD officers had a contact with Ms. Želionienė, dr. R. Valiokas or Mr. E. Sniečkus."

However, the Conclusion of State Security Department's investigation (the Annexes 2 and 3 in the Letter by the Party Concerned) contain different statements.

See for example page 4 of the English version of the SSD conclusion text (Annex 3, https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/compliance/C2013-98/Correspondence_Party/frPartyC98_20.10.2020/frPartyC98_20.10.2020_att3.pdf):

"There were also talks to other landowners who outlined their concerns about the construction of electricity poles on their land and compensation arrangements. During their talk to the landowner J. Želionienė, it was asked what problems she had [...]"

Also on page 5:

"The SSD had authorized the SSD official R. Bigėlis to talk to the chairman of the Rudaminos bendruomenė association R. Cimakauskienė, J. Žalionienė and other landowners."

The Party Concerned may consider asking the Secretary or Chair of the Compliance Committee for allowing for a correction in the Comments text, in case this was possible as per the rules of the procedure. The Communicant brings to note this discrepancy with intention to facilitate Compliance Committee's work and to avoid any unnecessary delays in preparing the final version of the draft findings.

best wishes,

Ramunas Valiokas,

on behalf of the Association Rudamina Community,