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Dear Ms. Constantinou,

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

The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention requested the Committee to take into account in its work general and specific compliance issues identified in the Fourth Review of Implementation (ECE/MP.EIA/2014/3, adopted by decision VI/1), based on questionnaires returned by Parties (available at <http://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/treaties/environmental-impact-assessment/areas-of-work/enveiaimplementationreview-implementation/review-of-implementation-2013.html>).

At its thirty-first session, held in Geneva from 2 to 4 September 2014, the Committee noted that in its reply to the questionnaire regarding national legislation on when and how the public was notified (e.g., what kinds of media, etc, were usually used) (question 12d), Cyprus had indicated that there was no provision in the current national legislation.

The Committee recalled its prior opinion that, while it was not in its mandate to develop a hierarchy of the obligations under the Convention, it could identify issues as core obligations, including notification (see MP.EIA/WG.1/2003/3, para. 9).

In the light of the above, the Committee asked me to write to you on its behalf to seek clarification on this matter, in particular on how Cyprus implements its obligation to notify the public. You are kindly requested to provide written clarification to the Convention's secretariat no later than **21 November 2014** for the Committee's consideration at its next session.

Yours sincerely,

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