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Dear Mr. Zela,

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 Second Review of Implementation (ECE/MP.EIA/10, decision IV/1), based on questionnaires returned by Parties.

The final deadline for the return of completed questionnaires was 30 November 2006. The only Party to the Convention in the period reviewed, 2003-2005, that did not return a completed questionnaire before the Fourth Meeting of the Parties, held from 19 to 21 May 2008, was Albania (decision IV/1, annex, para. 12-14).

Consequently, and taking note of the obligation to report arising from Article 14 bis as adopted by decision III/7, the Committee decided at its 15th session (28-30 October 2008) to contact you, wishing to understand more fully how Albania is implementing the Convention.

You are therefore requested to provide to the Convention's secretariat, no later than 15 February 2009, full information (following the issues raised in the questionnaire on the implementation of the Convention, as attached) on the legal, administrative and other measures taken by Albania to implement the provisions of the Convention, and on your country's practical experience in the application of the Convention.

The Committee will consider this information at its forthcoming session, from 15 to 17 March 2009, and, if appropriate, propose ways and means of supporting your country's implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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