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Dear Mr. Dumitrescu,

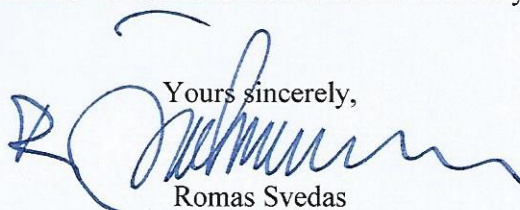
I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Kyiv, 2003).

At its forty-third session, held in Geneva from 5 to 7 December 2018, the Committee continued its deliberations with regard to the extension of the open-pit mine at Drmno, based on the analysis of the information received from the non-governmental organization ClientEarth dated 18 June 2018.

At the request of the Committee, I am now writing to you to invite the Government of Romania to provide the Committee the following information and clarifications:

- (a) Whether it was previously officially informed about the extension of the open-pit mine at Drmno;
- (b) Whether it held any discussions or exchanged information with the Government of Serbia regarding the activity;
- (c) Whether it considered that Romania was an affected Party with regard to the proposed activity, taking into account a likely significant adverse environmental impact on the territory of Romania;
- (d) Whether it requested the Government of Serbia to be notified about the activity according to the provisions of the Convention or entered into discussion on the matter previously;
- (e) If it considered that Romania could be potentially affected but was not notified, please indicate whether the Government of Romania intends to make use of the mechanism provided for in article 3, paragraph 7 of the Convention.

You are kindly requested to provide the required information to the Committee in English through the secretariat by **15 February 2019**. The Committee will continue consideration of the matter at its forty-fourth session (Geneva, 12 to 15 March 2019).

Yours sincerely,  


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