

Information for the attention of Implementation Committee,
Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a
Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991)

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Concerning:

Party or Parties (States) of origin, under whose jurisdiction a proposed activity is envisaged to take place	Republic of Serbia
Affected Party or Parties (States), likely to be affected by the transboundary impact of a proposed activity	Republic of Bulgaria
Activity (project), identified in the list of activities in Appendix I to the Convention	Lead - Zinc - Copper mine "Podvirovi" at the village of Karamanica , Bosilegrad Municipality in Serbia, also referred to as the "Karamanica" Mine, in operation close to the border between Bulgaria and Serbia since 2016
Likely significant adverse trans- boundary impact of the activity (project)	Poisoning of the transboundary groundwater bodies in the region concerned, as well as forthcoming pollution of the transboundary Dragovishtitsa River, running in Bulgaria within the boundaries of Natura 2000 Habitats Directive Site Karshalevo BG 000294
Provisions of the Convention (Articles) Compliance with which is being contested	Republic of Serbia has breached Article 2, paragraphs 1,2,3 and 6. Republic of Bulgaria has breached Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 6, as well as Decision I/4 of the Parties to the Convention
Description of issue - please attach supporting information	The activity concerned was authorized and started extraction, processing and flotation of Lead-Zinc-Copper ores without any kind of EIA at all. Waste waters from the flotation are directly dumped into the river , tributary to the transboundary Dragovishtitsa River. Cumulative effects together with several hydropower plants on the affected river were not assessed. Full description can be found here: https://dams.reki.bg/uploads/Docs/Files/ESPOO_COMMITTEE_COMPLAINT_BOSILEGRAD.pdf

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For use by the Committee:

The source of the information is known and not anonymous	
The information relates to an activity listed in Appendix I to the Convention likely to have a significant adverse transboundary impact	
The information is the basis for a profound suspicion of non-compliance	
The information relates to the implementation of Convention provisions	
Committee time and resources are available	