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Dear Ms. Snikere, Lew Sandija

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 Committee noted at is 15th session (28-30 October 2008) that the response of Latvia to question 4 in the questionnaire (available at http://www.unece.org/env/eia/review_implementation_2006.htm) indicated that Latvia's list of activities subject to the transboundary EIA procedure was not equivalent to that in Appendix I to the Convention. The Committee therefore decided to contact you, wishing to seek clarification of whether all activities listed in Appendix I were also identified as subject to transboundary EIA in Latvia's legislation.

You are requested to provide written clarification to the Convention's secretariat no later than 15 February 2009.

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

Yours sincerely.

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